

**SLATY FORK SCHOOL**  
Slaty Fork, West Virginia

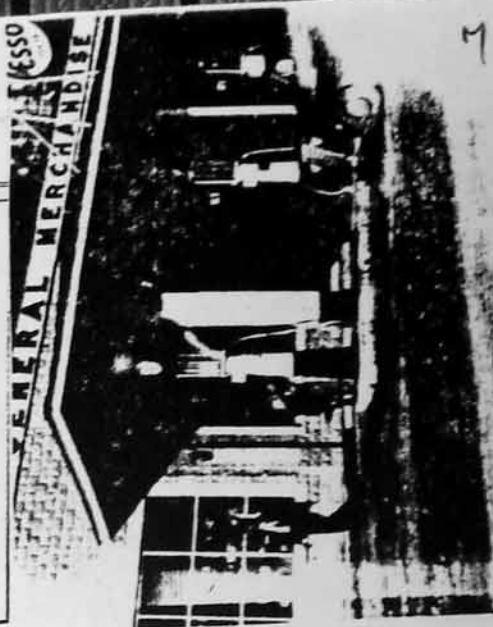
Slaty Fork, West Virginia

Presented By  
EMMA S. HOWARD,  
Teacher

March 20, 1908

Trustees  
F. T. Sharp L. D. Sharp  
S. D. Hannah

**GENERAL MERCHANDISE**



72

(slaty fork creek area)

Tolbert  
sharp

Robert  
Kendall

49

1978

[illegible]

meadow  
one half.

Barn

Sheep  
Barry  
on Hill  
near  
Creek

☐ Buck Halford

96. Mrs. Jackson House (?)

☐ old friend

Handwritten: *Handwritten*

1. (1) How  
(2) in a cloud  
(3) before sunset  
4. 1000 ft

old road

~~Hand of the~~

(Styphent menziesii)

☐ chess board

✓ Russell's

Sam Taylor

The Bankers (i)

D. STARR

SUBS  
SHARP

100. 1000

read

10  
11  
12

Secretary

[illegible]

LINWOOD  
W.VA.  
area

was built by  
an Englishman  
about 1900?

MT RIRY

John + Robt  
DUNLAP  
+ later Howard  
Beale

SAM GALFORD

John Stanker

virgileum

Hugh Sharp Cave

Geo. Hoover  
+  
Alfred  
Haggins

(sharp)

water fountain ☐

E / Arbogast's Camp?  
Henry Shaver

□ JACKSON HOUSE - Mrs Jackson  
(Laurence, Frank  
Mary & Lucy)

□ L - old log school house (1850-1870)  
at "Slippery Rock" ?

CH. REC.

□ "YELLOW HOUSE" Capt? Mond  
built at  
for Wilson

Hoxie McElung.  
Ed Van der (G)

☐ RUSSELL HANNAH  
Kyle Hanny

☐ Charles Beale  
(Eva Hannah Beale)

HOXIE MEETING  
INWOOD STORE  
"SPLIT ROCK" P.O.  
HOXIE MEETING.  
HALL

~~MADE~~ + JOE HOOVER ☐ chunky ☐

Eugene  
John  
Halewood

Gen Lee's Army

a flat  
area  
ed woodland  
☐

Ed Shewalter  
Hatter

☐ Elihu Himm  
+ Ross Name

To ease

# Map of Slatyfork area & residents 1900's - 1900's

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(4)

(4)

WILLIAM MOUNTAIN  
 middle mountain

2nd "Faint" place

Arboretum  
 Henry House

Osceola House  
 (Henry House)

Tower of

Sc. house

House of  
 William Sharp  
 & Hays Sharp

Barn

Old Bailey  
 (William Sharp)

Slack

Old Road

Old Bailey

Sharp  
 (William Sharp)

Henry  
 (William Sharp)

middle  
 mountain  
 meadow

Barn

William Sharp  
 first built house

the mason built house

Old Bailey

US-5

Mill dam

3rd  
 Summit

Pack SHARP  
 MOUSE

Sharp  
 (William Sharp)

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ones showed meadow  
 over a week

Sanitary house

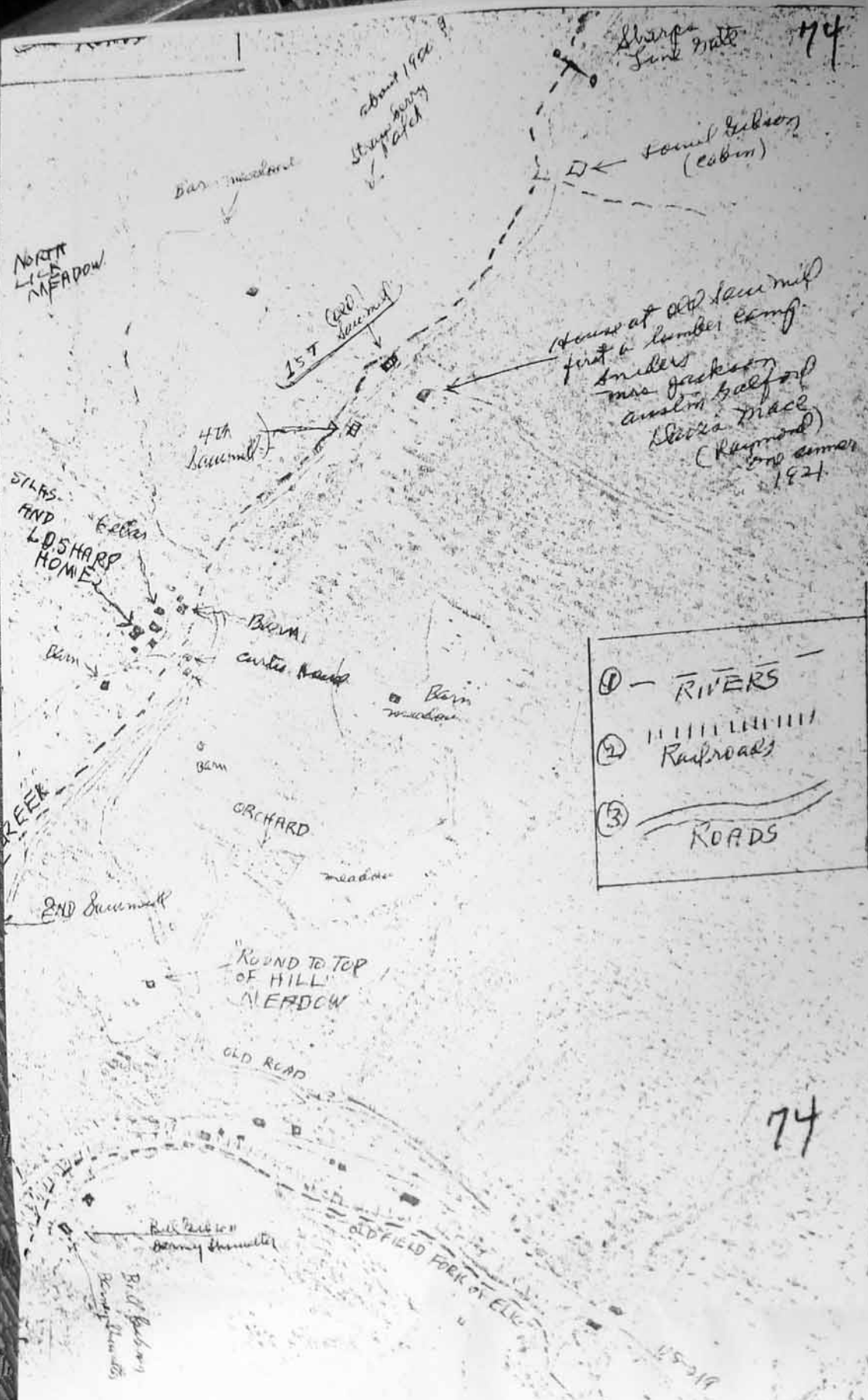
with 1st & 2nd  
 Camping place

RR

ELK RIVER

Slatyfork







Post Office Department  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS  
Washington 25, D. C.

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February 27, 1953

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

Mr. L. D. Sharp,

Slatyfork, West Virginia.

Dear Mr. Sharp:

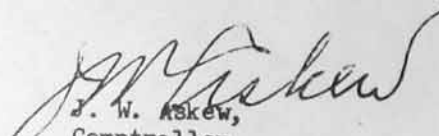
This has reference to your letter of February 16, 1953, to the Postmaster General, regarding your eligibility for an annuity based upon your service as postmaster.

The records of the Department show that you were appointed postmaster at the fourth class post office in Slatyfork, West Virginia May 15, 1901 and resigned August 28, 1916.

Public Law 215, approved May 22, 1920, was the original United States Civil Service Retirement Act under which Federal Government employees were first accorded annuities based on such service. However, Section 1 of the Act required that an employee to be entitled to any annuity must have been actively in the service on August 20, 1920. In view of this information it appears that you were not eligible for any retirement rights when the first retirement law became effective.

Since the passage of the organic Retirement Act of May 22, 1920 there have been many amendments made thereto by acts of Congress but none have been retroactive to include cases where employees left the service prior to August 20, 1920 as in your case.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. W. Askew,  
Comptroller.

John B. Floyd, Esquire, Governor of Virginia Deed to Adison Moore  
and George Beal June 22, 1848 Book 102, Page 164 Richmond  
July 31, 1849

John S. Floyd, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:  
To all to whom these presents shall come---GREETING: Know ye, that in  
conformity with a Survey, made on the 22nd day of June, one thousand  
eight hundred and forty eight by virtue of Land Office Treasury  
Warrant No. 12,846, there is granted by said Commonwealth, unto  
Adison Moore and George Beal a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing  
Seven hundred and twenty six acres lying and being in the County of  
Pocahontas, on both sides of Elk River, adjoining the land of William  
Sharp and a survey known by the name of the Pennell & Sherwood survey  
and bounded as follows, Viz-- Beginning at a spruce pine and beech on  
the East bank of the Old Field Fork of said River, twelve poles above  
to include any of said Sharp's land N 23 W 750 poles crossing Slatyfork  
at 12 poles and the Big Spring at 160 poles and Elk River at 378 poles  
to 3 sugar trees on the point of the Bearpen Ridge near the main top;  
thence leaving the "Pennell & Sherwood" survey S 60 W 60 poles to a  
yew pine & beech in a flat near Bearpen & N 80 W 40 poles to a maple  
& yew pine South 40 poles to a sugar tree and beech in a flat S 55  
W 80 poles to 2 beeches S 25 E 352 poles crossing the XXX Middle run  
below a waterfall to a sugar tree on top of ridge S 14 W 66 poles to a  
sugar tree and beech corner to David and John Hannah's survey of 500  
Acres & with the same S 40 E 124 poles to a pine & indianwood S 80  
E 128 poles to 2 beeches S 40 E 154 poles to a beech & sugar tree,  
leaving said line N 70 E 57 poles crossing the old Field Fork of Elk  
to the beginning, with its appurtenances.

To HAVE AND To HOLD the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its  
appurtenances, to the said Adison Moore and George Beal  
and their heirs forever

In Witness Whereof, The said John B. Floyd, Esquire,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his  
hand and caused the Lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be  
affixed at Richmond, on the thirty first day of July  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
forty nine, and of the Commonwealth the seventy fourth.

(Signed) John B. Floyd

(Wax Seal attached  
here)

Note: Underlined words are printed by a press  
on the document.

Ivan Sharp got Uncle Hugh Sharp's old Deeds etc. This was among those  
papers. This deed does cover land on Gauley Mt. Wm Sharp bought Hamon  
Sharp land on the Gauley side of Elk at Slatyfork. Ella Sharp Gibson  
retained mineral rights on Gauley Mt., so she must have owned some land  
there at one time. The waterfalls mentioned must be the one near mouth  
of Slatyfork. (or remotely the one on Buck Hollow--up Slatyfork)  
Why does this Deed say "include any of said Sharp's land"?  
Ramona Sharp Shipley has the original Deed in her possession.  
(Parkersburg, W. Va.)

Hugh Sharp and Capt. Nimrod(?) G. Munday(Mundy) received 105,000 A  
acres from Benjamin Rich, October 1875 82

Whereas, Benjamine Rich and Thortitos (?) Courrow (?) who were joint owners of the James (?) Welch survey of one hundred and five thousand acres of land situated on the head waters of Elk and Gauley Rivers in Webster and Pocahontas counties in the State of West Virginia did on the day of October 1875 enter into an agreement in writing with Nimrod(?) G. Mundy and Hugh Sharp of the State of West aforesaid by which agreement the said Mundy and Sharp were to take possession of the said tract of land; and whereas the said Mundy and Sharp did take possession of said tract of land and did build a house on the same and the same Munday and Sharp now have possession of said land; and whereas the said agreement under which they entered into said land has been lost or mislaid. Now this paper writing is made for the purpose of recognizing and ( ) (cosetie ?) using said agreement and the tenancy of the said Munday and Sharp and(?) continueing said tenancy.

Witness our hands and seals the 27th day of October 1887

Benjamin Rich (SEAL)

N. G. Mundy (SEAL)

H. C. Sharp (SEAL)

Executed in duplicate

This was some sort of a deed or attempt to get a deed for land maybe supposed to be recorded (but wasn't?) in the court house. (Some records were lost during the Civil War when records were hid in haystacks etc to prevent the Yankees(?) from taking or burning them. (One record book was lost then)  
Or this may have been an attempt to claim the land by "Squatter's Rights"----?



8/ IDS#2

Now Mr. Sharp, there is just one thought that I wish to give you and that is that the stockholders of this Fair Company are just a little different from the Fair itself. In other words, the stockholders give to the people of Pocahontas a fair ground on which to hold their fair and in return they should and will get a reasonable return on the money invested. The fair itself is a public spirited proposition but the fair ground is a business proposition, although, of course, the investment is prompted to a very great extent by public spiritedness. (In other words, the first item on the fair company's expense account is the dividends to the stockholders and then the other expenses connected with the fair before the premium is considered, so that the stockholders can rest assured that they will get their dividend.) Of course, all the property, buildings and everything connected with the fair belongs to the stockholders, but it is just the way we have of handling this proposition to make it a success financially. When any one donates service to the fair, they should not feel that they are donating anything to the stockholders but they are simply helping the fair. I feel sure you will catch my idea and that it is of great assistance in my opinion. In other words, we are to treat it as one separate and distinct proposition. Of course, anything more than the 6% dividend that the fair would make in any one year will be paid the stockholders, but the idea in mind is that we are going to pay them a 6% dividend as our insurance that we take out insures the payment of the dividend even though it rains every day of the fair.)

We have the following old subscribers from your district who have not paid up as yet:

(S.B. Wallace's  
Letter to  
F.H. Sharp)

<del>Wm. H. H. H.</del>	5 shares
<del>Wm. H. H. H.</del>	10 "
<del>Wm. H. H. H.</del>	2 "
<del>Wm. H. H. H.</del>	2 "
<del>Wm. H. H. H.</del>	2 "
<del>Wm. H. H. H.</del>	1 "
<del>Wm. H. H. H.</del>	5 "
<del>Wm. H. H. H.</del>	1 "

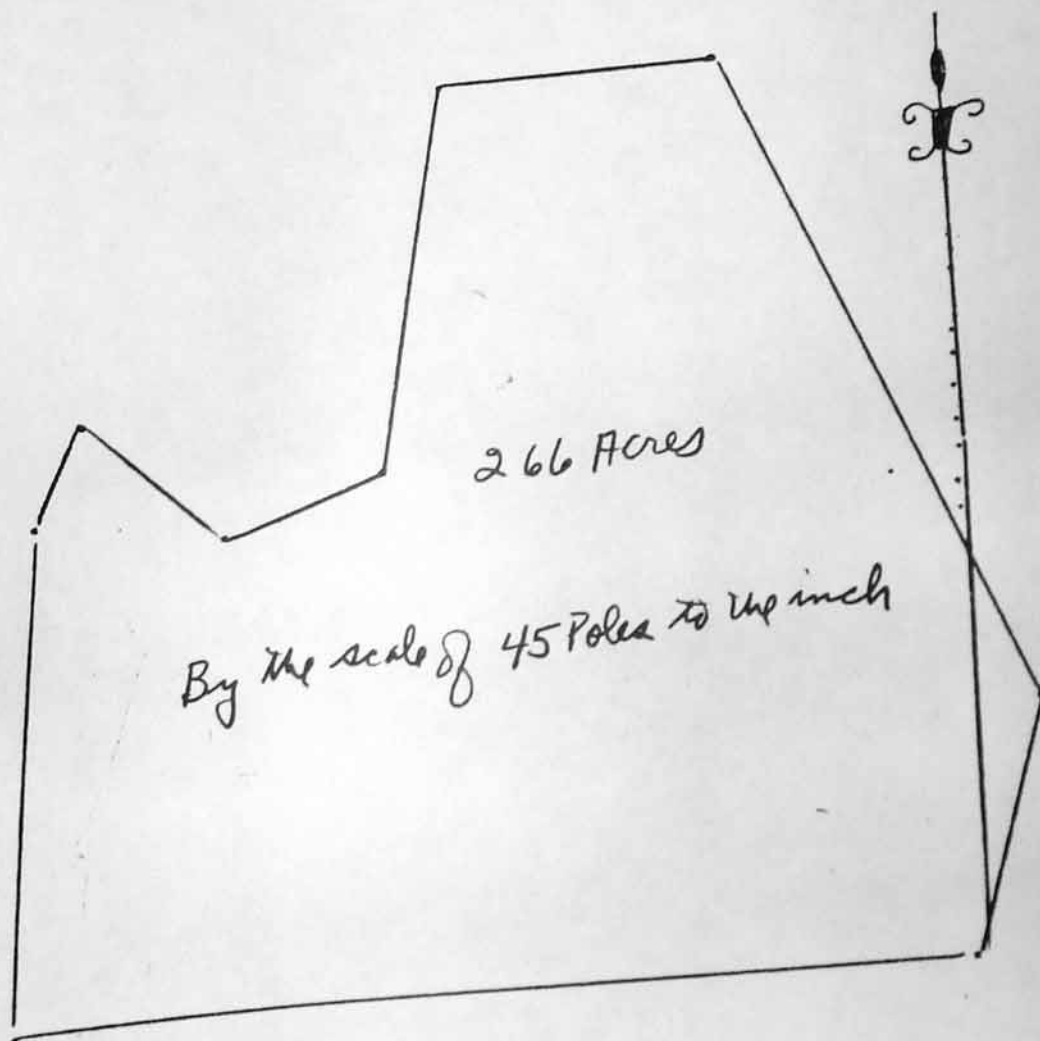
Now it seems that there must be some error in the list.

David & John Hannah Deed to Clunen ? 266 acres

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(Courses?) of land sold by David & John Hannah to atty containing 266 acres on the water of the middle run being part of a survey of 450 acres bounded as follows (Tourt)

Beginning at a sugar tree and beech corner to 720 acres patented to George Beel and Adison Moore and with there line N 14 E 68 poles to a Sugar tree & spruce pine on a ridge N 25 W 180 poles crossing the middle run to yew pine doble ironwood & sugar tree on a steep hillside thence leaving said line S 85 W 70 poles to 2 yew pines and Chestnut by a drain S 11 W 100 poles to a beech & birch S 68 W 49 poles to a yew pine sugar tre & lynn N 52 W 46 poles to an ash sugartree & yew pine S 27 W 28 poles to 2 yew pines near a large ledge of rocks S 5 W 130 poles to 2 ~~yew pines~~ ~~maples~~ maples & spruce pine N 86 E 246 poles to the beginning which is the division line  
signed S. H. Clark



Thomas Wood's Deed to Wm Sharp Jan. 11, 1843 Book 3, page 514 82

Deed from Thomas Wood and wife to Wm Sharp bearing date 11th day of January, 1843 for one undivided half of Lot No. 8 known as a survey made by Stephen Sherwood in the year 1786 - on which a patent issued in the year 1787 in the name of Joseph Pennell ( the half of the lot aforesaid) conveyed by Wood to Sharp contains 2500 acres, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at 2 sugars on top of the mountain on a line dividing Lots No. 7 & 8. Then with the said line S 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  W 526 poles to a birch on a rocky ridge, thence N 27 W 1054 poles to a Beech & Spruce on Gauley Mountain, Thence N. 14 E. 480 poles crossing Elk River to a beech and cucumber in a small bottom near the river. S 36 E 1200 poles to the beginning. ---

Abstract taken from Deed of Record in Clerks office of County Court of Pocahontas in Deed Book No 3 Page ~~514~~ 514.

Teste

Wm Curry clerk

This abstract taken from Deed Book #3 Page 514

Ramona Shipley has the original abstract of Deed  
Reference made to Deed Book #3, Page 514

Which William Sharp is this ??

Wm. II (1772-1860) lived and burried near Fairview. He may have bought it for Wm III---?? (age 71 when deed written)

Wm. III 1815-1888) lived at Slatyfork and buried in Sharp cemetery.  
---age 28 when Deed made.

By checking the Court House records, one might get a clue, since this is only an Abstract of the Deed.

See deed 1860 - Wm II to Wm III



Report on Lot #8. -- a Correction? Lot 7 & 8 July 19, 1854

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Copy from surveyor's report made 19th July 1854: by S. H. Clark, of Lot No. 8---- Begin at a cucumber S  $37\frac{1}{2}$  E crossing Elk at ~~XX~~ 150 poles in all 1490 poles to a sugar tree in place of a stake called for in pat. of Lot No. 8 & No. 7 ( ? ) (sva  $1\frac{1}{3}$  102 poles longer S(?) (S35,?) W crossing big spring at 300 slatyfork 650 in 1160 to a pine & two birches on west brow of mountain  $\frac{1}{2}$  variation & 88 longer, thence ~~X~~ N 33 W 370 no cor (corner?) found hickory called for.  $1^0$  variation N 2 W crossing slatyfork at 276 big spring at 380 crossing slatefork at 276, big spring at 380, crossing(Elk (??) at 1288 ~~XXI~~ ( ? ) in all 1754 to big -(beginning . ( ? )

Ramond Shipley has the original copy of this.

A reference to Lots No 7 & 8 is in Thomas Woods Deed to Wm Sharp 1843

A reference to Lot # 8 is in Deed of Wm Sharp to Wm Sharp, Jr. 1860  
(but this (1860) is after the above "report"

This deed of conveyance made this 2nd day of Nov. in the year of our Lord & one thousand eight hundred and sixty between William Sharp Sr. of the County of Pocahontas and State of Virginia of the first part and William Sharp, Jr. of the County and State of Virginia of the second part, witnesseth that the said William Sharp Sr. of the first part in consideration of the natural love and affection he bears toward his son Wm. Sharp, Jr. and for the further consideration of the sum of five dollars to him in hand paid by the said Wm Sharp, Jr. before the ensembling and delivery of these presents the receipt thereof is hereby acknowledged by the said William Sharp, Sr. hath given, granted and conveyed and by these presents doth give grant and convey unto his son Wm. Sharp, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Pocahontas and State of Virginia on the waters of Elk River and containing 2020 acres being part of a lot of 2951 acres known as half of Lot No. 8 of the Pennell Survey formerly conveyed to Wm Sharp by Thomas Wood and wife and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at three beeches near a low place in Middle Mountain on the line dividing Lot No 8 Thence S. ~~82~~ 82½ W. 105 poles to a Sugar and Beech on the brow of the mountain Thence S 42 W. 22 poles to two sugar trees on the brow of the mountain Thence S 20 W. 66 poles to two beeches and Sugar tree by a drain, Thence 46 W. 76 (46 W 76 W 21 POLES) W 21 poles to two sugar trees &

beech, Thence S 76½ W 76 poles to two beeches and cucumber, Thence S 20 W. 52 poles to a beech and two white lynns on the side of the mountain, Thence S 71 W. 40 poles to a cucumber and beech, Thence S 24½ E. 201 poles to two ashes and two maples on the top of a ridge, Thence S 34 W. 103 poles to two beeches and sugar tree on the back line of the original survey. Thence with the same S 27 E. 785 poles to a brich on a rocky ridge, thence N 33½ E 526 poles to two sugar trees on the top of the mountain. Beginning corner of the original survey, Thence N 36 W. 670 poles to the beginning.

To have and to Hold the same two thousand and twenty acres of Land together with all and singular the premises and appurtenances unto the Said William Sharp, Jr., his Heirs and assigns forever To and for the only use and behoof of him the said William Sharp Jr, his Heirs and assigns in all Time to come.

In Witness whereof the said William Sharp Sen., (Sr?) hath hereto set his hand and (Seal) the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

In presence of

William Sharp (SEAL) signed

Pocahontas County to Wit:

I, William Baxter, a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that William Sharp Sr. whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 2nd day of November 1860 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid, given under my hand this 2nd day of Nov. 1860

William Baxter, J. P.

Clerks Office of the County Court of Pocahontas 6th November 1860 This deed from William Sharp, Sen. to William Sharp, Jr. was presented in the Clerk's office and the certificate of the execution and acknowledgement being legally certified, the same is admitted to record.

Teste: Wm Curry, Clerk

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This Deed made this 25th day of March 1885 between Hugh C. Sharp of the first part and Sarah E. Sharp of the second part all of the County of Pocahontas And State of West Virginia. Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of one dollar paid to him by the said Sarah E. Sharp the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Hugh C. Sharp does grant, bargain and convey to the said Sarah E. Sharp with general warranty all his right and title and interest in a certain tract of land (except one hundred and fifty acres adjoining the lands of S. L. Gibson and James Gibson in the southern corner of the said tract) and lying on Elk River adjoining the lands of John Hannah, James Gibson, and others and bounded as follows, Viz: Beginning at a red oak, beech and sugar tree below the mouth of Slate fork and by the creek on Jacob Sharp's line and with the same N 35 E 75 poles to 2 ashes and 2 maples on a ridge, thence leaving said line North 79½ E 28 poles to a yew pine and two beeches on a ridge and on a clift of rocks S 71 E 74 ps to 3 beeches on a ridge and opposite the Sharp School house S 80 E 295 poles to 2 lins and 2 beeches on the side of Slate Fork Mountain S 18 E 44 poles to 2 beeches near the brow of the mountain S 79 E 76 poles to 3 beeches S 56 E 28 poles to 2 beeches S 67 E 92 poles to 2 sugars cor to the original tract of which this is a prt and with same (or sane)? S 33½ W 650 poles to a spruce pine and 2 bitches on the side of the Mt, N 27 W 524 poles to a sugar and beech by the pike. Thence leaving said line N 34½ E 29 to a stake N 10½ E 10 poles to a cherry by the road, Thence N 13½ W 63 poles to 3 beeches by the creek N 3½ W 23 poles to a beech and 2 spruces near the bank of the creek N 47 W 40 poles down said creek and through a mill dam to the beginning corner, and containing twelve hundred acres of land, more or less, and being a part of a tract of 2020 acres conveyed by Deed from Wm Sharp to the said Hugh C. Sharp. Witnesseth, the following signatures and seal this the 25th day of March 1885

Hugh C Sharp (Seal)  
his mark

Teste Wm B. Hannah, Jr.  
Samuel (W?)(M?) Gibson

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas County ---To wit.

I, a justice of the said county and district of Edray donatt certify that Hugh C. Sharp whose name is signed to the above writing bearing date 25th day of March 1885 hath this day acknowledged the same before me in my said County. Given under my hand this the 26th day of March 1885

Henry N. Hannah, J. P.  
(?)

Pocahontas County Court Clerk's Office, June 15, 1885.

This deed from Hugh C. Sharp to Sarah E. Sharp was presented in this office, and thereupon together with the certificate thereto annexed is admitted to record.

Teste John J. Beard, Clk

(paid \$1.25)

Sent by mail to Silas Sharp asper his order,  
July 10th 1885. John J. Beard, cl'k.

- contains 1200 acres
- Part of 2020 acres
- 150 acres not included



90 Sam and Mary Gibson's Deed to Sarah ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Sharp 3-11-1889 90

This deed made this 11th day of March 1889 between Samuel M. Gibson and Mary J. his wife of the first part and Sarah E. Sharp of the second part, all of the Co. of Pocahontas and State of W. Va. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar cash paid in hand the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Sam M. Gibson and Mary J. his wife doth sell and convey unto the said Sarah E. Sharp a certain tract of land lying in the co. of Pocahontas and State of W. Va. on the East side of Old Field Fork of Elk River, adjoining the lands of S. L. Gibson, H. N. Hannah and others ( it being a tract of land conveyed to said Samuel M. Gibson and wife by George P. Hannah and also a tract of 35 acres conveyed to the said Saml M. Gibson by J. T. (or L?) Hoggsett containing in all two hundred and two acres more or less together with all appurtenances there unto --attached and warrant generally the land herein conveyed. Witnesseth the following signatures and seals.  
Samuel M. Gibson (SEAL) Mary J. Gibson (SEAL)

State of W. Va. , Pocahontas County.  
I, H. N. Hannah, a Justice in and for the County and State afore said do hereby certify that S. M. Gibson whose name is signed to the writing hereunto annexed, bearing date on the 11th day of March 1889 acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. I also hereby further certify that Mary J. Gibson, the wife of Samuel M. Gibson whose names are signed to the writing hereunto annexed bearing date on the 11th day of March 1889 personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, She the said Mary J. Gibson acknowledged said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the Same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 11th day of March 1889.

Henry N. Hannah, J. P.

Pocahontas County Court Clerk's Office, Jan. 7th , 1890.

This deed was this day presented to me in my office and therefore together with the.....

Dave: This Mary Gibson was the sister of Sarah (Hannah) Sharp, and the daughter of David Hannah. Also the sister of Melinda Hannah that married John Rose, Sister of Rev Geo. Hannah, Henry, and of Otha who died and had vision of Heaven. Mary was the baby that Otha asked to place in the fireplace to show that it would not be harmed when he had his vision. Another brother, Joe, died a few days before Otha.

91 Silas Sharp, Sarah Sharp & Hugh Sharp to L. D. Sharp (Book 26, Page 56)  
March 30, 1895 91

This Deed made this 30th day of March, 1895 between Silas Sharp and Sarah E. Sharp, his wife and Hugh C. Sharp of the one part and Luther D. Sharp of the other part all of the county of Pocahontas and State of W. Va. Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid to them by the said Luther D. Sharp the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Silas Sharp, Sarah E. Sharp and Hugh C. Sharp doth grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Luther D. Sharp with general warranty all their right, title and interest in a certain tract of land containing 496 acres and bounded as follows. Beginning at 2 Lynns and 2 Beeches on the side of Slatyfork Mountain, corner to Hugh C. Sharp and with his lines S 18 E 42 4/5 poles to 2 Beeches near the S (brow?) of the (Mtn.?) S 79 E 15 poles to 2 Beeches on top of Slatyfork Mountain corner to M. Ella F. Gibson and Malinda C. Hannah and with the same S 22 W 26 1/4 poles to a bunch of Lynns on a hill side; S 30 W. 68 poles to a stone center and Sugar, Beech and Ironwood; S 47 W. 350 poles - at 52 poles crosses Slaty Fork - at 68 poles crosses Buck Lick Fork to 2 Beeches and 2 Yew Pines on hillside on a line of S. L. Gibson's Heirs, and with the same N. 20 1/2 W. 47 poles to 2 Lynns and 2 Beeches; continued 246 poles to a rock above the turnpike road (1/4 N 10 E (from?) a Hemlock witness) corner to lower lot and with the same; and with the meanderings of the turnpike road; N. 10 E. 35 3/4 poles to the Cleveland Rock; N 59 E 85 poles a Beech and Service below the road; thence leaving the meanderings of the road; S 69 1/2 E 62 poles - crossing the road twice and the Slatyfork and the road to a stake by the road at the ford of the creek S 58 1/4 E. 92 poles to 3 Lynns at the foot of a hill near the Creek; N 36 E. 48 poles to a cucumber witnessed by a small cucumber and Beech on a hillside near the top of a spur; N 20 E 42 (43) poles to a Beech witnessed by 2 beeches on a hillside; N 30 E 24 poles to 2 beeches on Hugh C. Sharp's line and with the same S 79 1/2 E 108 poles to the beginning. The said Silas Sharp and Sarah E. Sharp, his wife, reserves the right and privilege of cutting any timber they may want to use and to run any stock they may wish on the said above described tract of land free of charge. Witness the following signatures and Seals, this 30th day of March 1895. Silas Sharp (Seal), Sarah E. Sharp (Seal) & Hugh C Sharp (Seal)

( "X" --his mark)

State of W. Va., Pocahontas County: To Wit; I, A. C. L. Gatewood, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, do certify that Silas Sharp, Sarah E. Sharp, his wife, and Hugh C. Sharp whose names are signed to the writing bearing date on the 30th day of March 1895, acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 30th day of March 1895 (signed) A.C.. Gatewood, J. P

W. Va. : Clerk's Office of the County Court of Pocahontas County, May 1, 1895. This Deed from Silas Sharp & wife, and Hugh C. Sharp to L. D. Sharp was this day presented to me, in my office, and thereupon, the same together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereunder written is admitted to record.

Teste: S. L. Brown, Clerk

Notes: "Buck Lick Fork" apparently is the run that we called "Buck Hollow"--where Lowell Gibson has his camp. Cleveland Rock is a large rock that rolled off the bank, almost blocking the ~~new~~ old road--between "round top of the hill" and a place near Lou Gibson's place on Rt 219. "Cleveland" painted on it when he was running for President of USA.



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SARAH E. SHARP'S DEED TO L. D. SHARP 9-27-1902

Deed Book 33, Page 122

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This deed made this the 27th day of Sept. 1902 between Sarah E. Sharp party of the first part and L. D. Sharp party of the second part all of the County of Pocahontas, West Va. Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid by the party of the second part to the party of the first part the receipt whereof in hereby acknowledged, the said party of the first part hereby grants and conveys to the party of the second part with covenants of general warranty; all her right, title and interest in and to a certain tract or parcel of land containing 165 acres lying on the Slatyfork of Elk River at or near its junction with the Old Field Fork situated in Pocahontas County, W. Va. and is and described as follows to wit: Beginning at (A) 2 maples and 2 ashes in rocks on top of a ridge--corner to Hugh C. Sharp and with the same N. 80 $\frac{1}{2}$  E 27 3/4 poles to a number of small birches on rocks by dead Yew Pine -- and 2 - dead Beaches S 70 $\frac{1}{2}$  E 71 $\frac{1}{2}$  poles to 3 beeches on a ridge opposite the Old School House S 77 $\frac{1}{4}$  E 180 poles to two beeches, corner to part laid off for L. D. Sharp

and with the same S 30 W 24 poles to a Beech witnessed by 2 Beeches on a hillside S 20 W. 43 poles to a Cucumber witnessed by a small cucumber and Beech on a hillside near the top of a Spruce... S 36 W. 48 poles to 3 Lynns at the foot of a hill near Slatyfork, N 58 $\frac{1}{4}$  W 92 Poles to a stake at the pike at the ford of Slatyfork N 69 $\frac{1}{2}$  W 62 poles, crossing the road and creek and crossing the road again twice to a beech and a Service below the road thence with the meanderings of the Turnpike road S 59 W 85 poles to the Cleavland Rock S 10 W 35 3/4 poles to a Stone 1/4 pole short of a Hemlock witness above the road on the old line and with the same N 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  (20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) W 54 poles to 2 beeches on the bank of the Old Field Fork continued 45 poles to a Birch on the bank of the creek corner to H. B. Sharp and with the same N 20 W 22 poles crossing the Slatyfork to a stake on the McCutcheon line and leaving the same N 36 E 60 poles to the beginning.

This said 165 acres of land conveyed by this deed being a part of a tract of land conveyed as 1200 acres but afterwards surveyed and found to contain 1105 acres and was conveyed by H. C. Sharp to the said Sarah E. Sharp by deed bearing date on the 25th day of March 1885 and of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas Co. W. Va. in Deed Book No 17 Page 75 to which deed reference is here made for a more complete description of said land.

The said party of the first part reserves the right to one half of the house in which the said parties now reside and the one third of the fruit in the orchard on this tract of land and the said party of the first part agrees and binds himself to keep one horse and one cow for the party of the first part during her natural life. The said party of the second part further agrees and binds himself to comfortably support, keep and maintain and furnish with all the necessaries of life the said party of the first part during the period of her natural life, and after her death the said party of the second part takes everything reserved in this deed by the party of the first part. To have and to hold unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever. Witness the following signatures and seal. Sarah E. Sharp (SEAL), State of W. Va., Co. of Pocahontas, to wit: I, T. S. McNeel a notary public in and for Poc. Co. do certify that Sarah E. Sharp whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 27th day of Sept 1902 has this day acknowledged this same before me in my said Co. Given under my hand this 27th day of Sept 1902 T. S. McNeel- N. P.

Clerks Office 9-27-02: This Deed from Sarah E. Sharp to L. D. Sharp was day presented to me in my office and thereupon the same together with the certificate of acknowledgement hereunder written, is admitted to record. Teste : S. L. Brown, Clerk



92 SARAH E. SHARP'S DEED TO L. D. SHARP 9-27-1902

This deed made this the 27th day of Sept. 1902 between Sarah E. Sharp party of the first part and L. D. Sharp party of the second part all of the County of Pocahontas, West Va. Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid by the party of the second part to the party of the first part the receipt whereof in hereby acknowledged, the said party of the first part hereby grants and conveys to the party of the second part with covenants of general warranty; all her right, title and interest in and to a certain tract or parcel of land containing 165 acres lying on the Slatyfork of Elk River at or near its junction with the Old Field Fork situated in Pocahontas County, W. Va. and is and described as follows to wit: Beginning at (A) 2 maples and 2 ashes in rocks on top of a ridge--corner to Hugh C. Sharp and with the same N. 80 $\frac{1}{2}$  E 27  $\frac{3}{4}$  poles to a number of small birches on rocks by dead Yew Pine -- and 2 - dead Beaches S 70 $\frac{1}{2}$  E 71 $\frac{1}{2}$  poles to 3 beeches on a ridge opposite the Old School House S 77 $\frac{1}{4}$  E 180 poles to two beeches, corner to part laid off for L. D. Sharp and with the same S 30 W 24 poles to a Beech witnessed by 2 Beeches on a hillside S 20 W. 43 poles to a Cucumber witnessed by a small cucumber and Beech on a hillside near the top of a Sp. R. ... S 36 W. 48 poles to 3 Lynns at the foot of a hill near Slatyfork, N 58 $\frac{1}{4}$  W 92 Poles to a stake at the pike at the ford of Slatyfork N 69 $\frac{1}{2}$  W 62 poles, crossing the road and creek and crossing the road again twice to a beech and a Service below the road thence with the meanderings of the Turnpike road S 59 W 85 poles to the Cleavland Rock S 10 W 35  $\frac{3}{4}$  poles to a Stone  $\frac{1}{4}$  pole short of a Hemlock witness above the road on the old line and with the same N 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  (20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) W 54 poles to 2 beeches on the bank of the Old Field Fork continued 45 poles to a Birch on the bank of the creek corner to H. B. Sharp and with the same N 20 W 22 poles crossing the Slatyfork to a stake on the McCutcheon line and leaving the same N 36 E 60 poles to the beginning.

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THIS DEED made this the 8th day of August, 1912, between Hugh C. Sharp, party of the first part, and L. D. Sharp, party of the second part, all of the County of Pocahontas, State of West Virginia;

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars cash in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the natural love and affection which he bears to his nephew, L. D. Sharp, and the further consideration to be hereinafter mentioned, the said party of the first part does hereby grant, sell and convey unto the said party of the second part, a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Pocahontas State of West Virginia, on the Big Spring Branch of Elk River containing 868.64 acres, more or less, and is a part of 2020 acres, which is a part of the lot of 2951 acres, known as "Half of Lot No. 8" of the Pennell survey, formerly conveyed to William Sharp, Sr., by Thomas Wood and wife and the tract of land hereby conveyed is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at two sugars on top of Slaty Fork Mountain, corner to the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company and running N 31-45 W at 4430' to the Turn Pike, corner to John T. McGraw eight acre tract sold by William Sharp to R. K. Wilson and with the Pike to a small beech on the edge of the Pike; thence N 25 E 33 feet to a small beech and pointers on the bank of a small drain; N 47 W 922 feet crossing the Big

gone, small sugar marked, pointers marked; also corner to Harmon  
Sharp's land and with the same S 21-09 E 2100 feet; crossing Big  
Spring Branch of Yolk in all 3400 feet to two ashes corner to L.  
D. Sharp and with his line N 81 -15 E 463 feet to a stake, two yew  
pines and basswood called for now gone; S 70-30 E 1225 feet to two  
beeches on a ridge corner to the graveyard lot and with the same N  
11 -30 E 45 feet to a stake; S 86 W 175 feet to a set stone; S 11-30  
W 70 feet to a set stone on the old line, leaving the Graveyard; S  
78-07 E 4625 feet to two beeches and two lynns on the north of the  
mountain; S 17-51 E 680 feet to two beeches near the brow of the  
mountain; S 77-06 E at 231 feet to L. D. Sharp's corner leaving same  
and with the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company in all 935 feet to  
three beeches; S 54-30 E 463 feet to two beeches; S 64-30 E 1217 feet  
to the beginning.

The further consideration of this deed as mentioned  
above, for the land hereby conveyed is that the said party of the  
second part agrees and binds himself to furnish and provide to  
the said Hugh C. Sharp all the proper maintenance and support during  
his natural life, such as clothing, food, medical attention and  
spending money necessary, as requested by the said party of the first  
part, consistent with his station in life, and everything so as to  
make the said party of the first part comfortable during his life-  
time and to provide a respectable funeral and burial for said party



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State of West Virginia, County of Pocahontas, to wit:

I, G. S. Welford, Justice of the Peace in and for Pocahontas County, West Virginia do hereby certify that Hugh C. Sharp, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date the 8th day of August, 1912, has this day acknowledged the same before me in my said County.

Given under my hand this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 1912.

G. S. Welford, Justice of the Peace.

**WEST VIRGINIA:**

Clerk's Office County Court Pocahontas County,  
September 6th, 1912.

This deed from Hugh C. Sharp to L. D. Sharp was this day presented to me in my office and thereupon the same together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereunder written, is admitted to record.

Teste: C. J. McCARTY Clerk

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,**

**COUNTY OF POCAHONTAS, to-wit:**

I, Hildreth T. Meadows, Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the records of my said office.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this the  
30th day of July, 1963.



*Hildreth T. Meadows*  
Clerk, County Court of Pocahontas County,  
West Virginia.

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This Deed made this 12th day of Dec. 1934 between Luther D. Sharp and M. E. Sharp, his wife, parties of the first part, and Ivan L. Sharp, Silas S. Sharp, Paul L. Sharp, and Luther D. Sharp Jr. parties of the second part, all of the Co of Pocahontas and State of W. Va. Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid cash in hand the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for love and affection the said parties of the first part do hereby grant, sell and convey with the covenants of general warranty to the parties of the second part jointly all of the following described tract of land, situated in the Edray Dist. of Pocahontas Co. on the waters of Slatyfork, a branch of Elk River, and was conveyed to Luther D. Sharp by Silas Sharp, Sarah E. Sharp and Hugh Sharp, by deed dated March 30th 1895 and of record in the office of the County Clerk of Pocahontas Co., in Deed Book 26 at page 56 and bounded as follows, beginning at two lynns and two beeches on the West side of Slatyfork mountain a corner of the Hugh Sharp lands, and with the same, S. 18 E. 42.8 poles to two beeches near the brow of the mountain S. 79 E. 15 poles to two beeches on top of the mountain, corner to the W. Va. Pulp and Paper Co. and with same, S. 22 W. 26 1/4 poles to a bunch of lynns on a hillside, S. 30 W. 68 poles to a sugar, beech and ironwood with a stone center, S. 47 W. 350 poles, crossing Slatyfork at 52 poles, Bucklick run at 68 poles to two beeches and two spruce pines on a hillside, on a line of S. L. Gibson's Heirs, and with same, S. 20 1/2 W. 47 poles to two lynns and two beeches, continued 246 poles to a rock above the old Turnpike, hemlock pointer, and with the meanderings of said pike, N. 10 E. 35 3/4 poles to the Cleveland Rock, N. 59 E. 85 poles to a beech and service below the road, thence leaving the meandering of the road, S. 69 1/2 E. 62 poles crossing the road twice, crossing Slatyfork and the road to a stake, by the creek at the ford, S. 58 1/4 E. 92 poles to three lynns at the foot of the hill near the creek. N. 36 E. 48 poles to a cucumber witnessed by a small cucumber and beech on a hillside, near the top a spur N. 20 E. 43 poles to a beech witnessed by two beeches, on a hillside, N. 30 E. 24 poles to two beeches in a line of the Hugh Sharp land and with said line N. 79 1/2 E. 108 poles to the beginning, containing 496 acres, more or less, to have and to hold unto the parties of the second part their Heirs and assigns forever.

Witness the following signatures and seals. Luther D. Sharp, M. E. Sharp (Mabel) (SEALS)

State of W. Va. Pocahontas Co., to-wit: I, Jesse P. Hannah, a Notary Public in and for the Co. of Pocahontas do certify that Luther D. Sharp and M. E. Sharp, his wife, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 12th day of December, 1934, have acknowledged the same before me in my said County. Given under my hand this the 31st day of Dec. 1934. My commission expires Mar. 18, 1939. (Notarial Seal) Jesse P. Hannah, N. P.

State of W. Va., Clerk's office of the County Court of Pocahontas Co, Jan. 4th, 1935. This Deed from Luther D. Sharp and wife to Ivan L. Sharp et al was this day presented to me in my office, and thereupon the same, together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereunder written, is admitted to record therein. Teste: Moody Kincaid, Clerk. (mailed to Ivan Sharp, Slatyfork Jan 10, 1935 (1935))

(A reference above to Deed Book 26, Page 56, 3-30-1895, Silas, Sarah, and Hugh Sharp to L. D. Sharp.)

This deed of conveyance made this 2nd  
 day of November in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand Eight hundred and  
 sixty between William Sharp Sr. of  
 the County of Pocahontas and State of  
 Virginia of the first part and William  
 Sharp Jr. of the County and State afore-  
 said of the second part witnesseth that  
 the said William Sharp Sr. of the first  
 part in consideration of the natural love  
 and affection he bears toward his son Wm.  
 Sharp Jr. and for the further consideration  
 of the sum of five dollars to him in  
 hand paid by the said William Sharp Jr.  
 before the sealing and delivery of these  
 presents the receipt thereof is hereby ack-  
 nowledged by the said William Sharp Sr. has  
 given granted and conveyed and by these pres-  
 ents doth give grant & convey unto his



thence N. 21° poles to two sugar trees locate thence  
S. 76° W. 96 poles to two beeches and cucumber  
thence S. 20° W. 52 poles to a beech and  
two white lymms on the side of the moun-  
tain thence S. 71° W. 40 poles to a cucumber and  
a beech thence S. 24½° E. 201 poles to two ashes and  
two maples on the top of a Ridge thence S. 34°  
W. 103 poles to two beeches and sugar tree on the bar  
line of the original survey thence with the sun  
S. 27° E. 785 poles to a birch on a rocky ridge then  
N. 33½° E. 526 poles to two sugar trees on the top of the  
mountain Beginning corner of the original survey  
thence N. 36° W. 670 poles to the beginning

To Have and to Hold the said Two Thousand  
and Twenty Acres of Land, Together with all and  
singular the premises and appurtenances unto the  
said William Sharp Jr. his heirs and assigns forever  
to & for the only use and behoof of him the said  
William Sharp Jr. his heirs & assigns in all time  
to come. In Witness Whereof the said William  
Sharp Sr. hath hereunto set his hand and Seal  
this day and Year first above written  
Signed Sealed & acknowledged

Wm Sharp Sr.

William Sharp Sr.

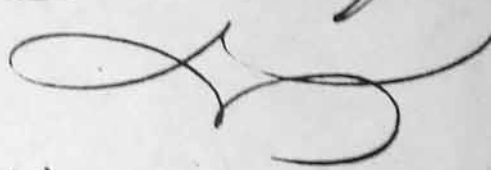
I William Baxter a Justice of the peace for  
the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do cert-  
ify that William Sharp Sr. whose name is signed to  
the writing above bearing date on the 2nd day of  
November 1860 has acknowledged the same  
before me in my County aforesaid. Given under  
my hand this 2nd day of Nov. 1860

William Baxter J.P.

Clerks Office of the County Court of Pecos  
6<sup>th</sup> November 1860.

This Deed from William Sharp Sr.  
to William Sharp Jr. was presented in the Clerks office  
& the certificate of the execution & acknowledgment  
being legally certified, the same is admitted  
to record

Teste

Chas Curry Clerk  


In deed Book # 8 Page 121

Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To all to whom these Presents shall come — GREETING: Know ye, That in conformity with a Survey, made on the twenty second day of June by virtue of Land Office Treasury Warrant, No. 12,846

there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto *Adison Moore and George Beal*

a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing Seven hundred and twenty six acres, lying & being in the County of Mecklenburg, on both sides of Elk River, adjoining the land of William Sharp & a survey known by the name of the Pennell & Sherwood survey & bounded as follows, To-wit: Beginning at a spruce pine & birch on the East bank of the old field fork of said River, thence down the mouth of said fork to a sharp bend & with the same so as to include any of said Sharp's land 120 poles & 2 poles crossing Sholly fork at 12 poles & the Red spring at 160 poles and Elk River at 170 poles to 3 sugar trees on the point of the Bear pen ridge near the mouth of the same leaving the Pennell & Sherwood survey 160 & 60 poles to a sugar tree & birch on a flat in a line with the same & 100 poles to a maple & sugar tree 10 poles to a sugar tree & birch in a line with the same 155 & 80 poles to 2 birches 12 & 50 poles crossing the middle run below a water fall to a sugar tree on top of a ridge about 66 poles to a sugar tree & birch corner to David & John Hunsaker's survey & with the same 120 & 124 poles to a pine & indian wood 150 & 128 poles to 2 birches 140 & 154 poles to a birch & sugar tree, leaving said line at 170 & 607 poles crossing the old field fork of Elk to the Beginning, with its appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract or Parcel of Land, with its appurtenances, to the said *Adison Moore & George Beal* and their heirs forever

In WITNESS whereof, The said *John B. Floyd* Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath hereunto set his hand

and caused the Lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed, at *Shmond*, on the *thirty first* day of *July* a year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty nine* of the Commonwealth the seventy fourth

*John B. Floyd*





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Thomas Ramsey (Revolutionary War Soldier)

B. before 10-4-1734 Pittsylvania Co., VA  
D. between 4-20-1790 and 8-16-1790  
Pittsylvania Co., VA  
Md. before 1761 or 7-10-1762

Frances Young

B. about 1738 Pittsylvania Co., VA  
D. after 1808 Pittsylvania Co., VA  
(her son, Noton, was married,  
1808 and named mother,  
Frances Ramsey)

William Newman Ramsey, Sr.

B. about 1772 Pittsylvania Co., VA  
D. after 1840 census  
before 1850 census  
Pittsylvania County, VA

Md. 3-17-1794

Pittsylvania Co., VA  
Bondsman - Nathan Sparks

Rhoda M. S. Million (or MacMillan)

B. about 1776 Pittsylvania Co., VA  
D. before 1840 census  
Pittsylvania Co., VA

William N. Ramsey, Jr.

B. 10-18-1818 Pittsylvania Co., VA  
or 12-5-1818 tombstone  
D. 11-20-1857 White Sulphur Springs  
Greenbrier County

Md. 12-2-1839

Pittsylvania Co., VA  
by Abner Anthony  
Bondsman: Middleton Meade

RAMSEY

Middleton Meade

B. 10-3-1793 Pittsylvania Co., VA  
D. after 1850, before 1860 Greenbrier Co.  
(appears in 1850 Greenbrier Census  
as being 55 yrs old)

Md. 12-19-1820

Pittsylvania Co., VA  
Bondsman - Noton and  
Rachel Ramsey, parents

Sarah (Sallie) Edith Meade

B. 10-29-1823  
Pittsylvania Co., VA  
D. 9-27-1862 (C.H.)  
9-14-1862 (tombstone)  
Greenbrier County, West Va.  
Cause of death, "Fever"

Noton Ramsey

B. Pittsylvania Co., VA  
D. about 1-39-1852 " " "  
Md. 2-11-1808 Pittsylvania Co., VA  
or 1-18-1808 " " "  
or 5-30-1808 " " "  
Bondsman, William Witcher, father

Elizabeth Ramsey

B. 9-13-1803 Pittsylvania Co., VA  
not from Court House  
D. 4-17-1854 (Monroe Co. C.H.)  
Monroe Co. death record Book 1 p. 5 line 67  
Cause - Typhoid Fever  
Age 50 yrs. 5 mos., 4 days  
Another source has death as 10-10-1867

Rachel Witcher

B. Pittsylvania Co., VA  
D. after 1852 " " "

Thomas Ramsey  
(above)

Frances Young  
(above)

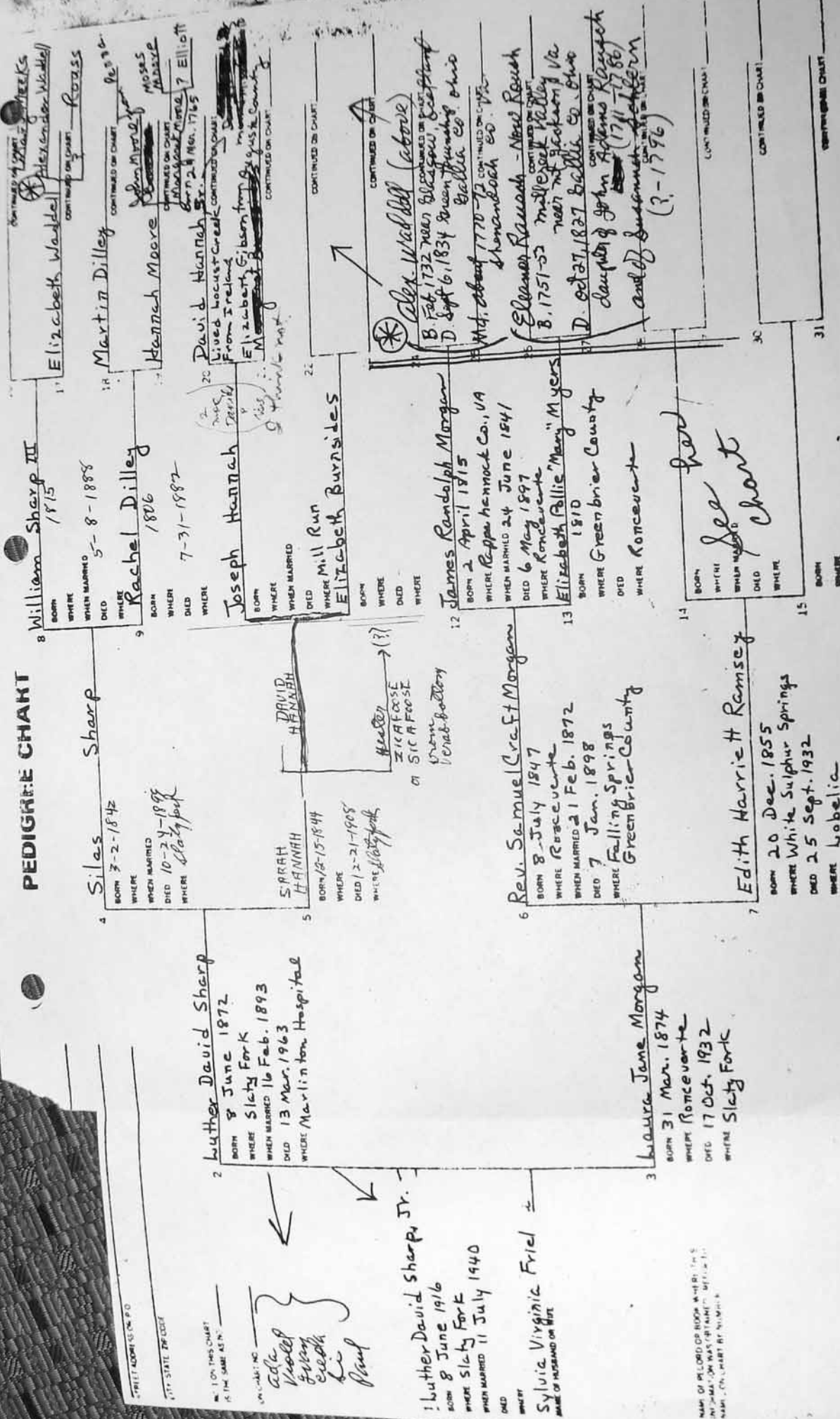
William Witcher

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(start)

Edith Ramsey

Edith Ramsey

# PEDIGREE CHART



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# Slatyfork Cemetery

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CREED  
SHARP  
11-30-04  
8-25-23  
(18)

MAULPURA  
LD SHARP  
1874  
1-17-32  
58

LI SHARP  
1873  
1-17-32  
58

IVAN SHARP  
7-27-00  
3-01-75  
(15)

EVAN SHARP  
12-25-42  
11-17-75  
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SHARP  
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12-16-44  
form 12-16-44

SILAS  
SHARP  
3-2-42  
10-24-97  
5-8-88  
2-2-1902

RACHAEL  
(DILLY)  
SHARP  
DIED  
7-31-82  
1-18-1882

W. SHARP  
73-24-04  
DIED  
5-8-88  
(185-1888)

HUGH  
SHARP  
7-10-46  
8-25-23  
(11)

GROVER  
JACKSON  
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DEAR MOTHER  
THO' WE MISS  
YOU MUCH,  
YOU KNOW, YOU  
W'VE PREPARE  
TO DIE + FOLLOW  
ME.

AS YOU ARE  
NOW SO  
ONCE WAS I.  
AS I AM NOW  
SO YOU MUST  
BE PREPARE  
TO DIE + FOLLOW  
ME.

REST MOTHER  
SLEEP WHILE  
FRIENDS 'N  
SORROW WEEP  
THEE

STOP, AS  
YOU PASS BY  
WHO IN THE  
GRAVES DO  
LIE

SHARP GRAVEYARD  
SLATYFORK, W. VA.  
11-1-79  
(PLOTTING-SKETCH  
BY DAVID SHARP  
(1979))

A ROW OF STONES - NO NAMES

GEO. HOOPER  
BERTHA HOOPER

GERALD  
CRADDOCK

CHARLIE  
GRACE  
CRADDOCK

NO NAMES - (Fuller with?)  
NO NAMES - ?  
NO NAMES - ?

REV D. STONES  
?

charlie buried during a big snow  
and was buried 8' from wall  
head where foot should be!

10' to fence

10' to fence

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### Memorial Obituary



**L. D. Sharp**

Luther David Sharp, a life long resident of Slatyfork, died Wednesday, March 13, 1963, in the Marlinton Hospital, at the age of 90 years, 9 months, and 5 days.

Mr. Sharp, the only son of the late Silas and Sarah Sharp, was born June 8, 1872, at Slatyfork. At the early age of 12 he started his mercantile business, buying and selling fur, livestock and merchandise. For many years his merchandise was hauled from Millboro, Virginia, and Beverly by covered wagons. Mr. Sharp was the first Postmaster of Slatyfork and gave it its name when the office was opened. He loved to fish and hunt, killing his last deer at the age of 89. He was one of the first group of apiary inspectors in West Virginia, and raised bees to produce the famous Pocahontas County white lynn honey.

"L D," as he was affectionately called by his close friends, helped organize and was a charter member of the Slaty-

fork Methodist Church. He was a lover of sacred music and organized the Slatyfork Choir, well known in Pocahontas and surrounding counties for its fine music.

Preceding him in death were his first wife, Laura Jane Morgan Sharp; two daughters, Creola and Ada Curtain; two sisters, Ella (Mrs. Robert Gibson) and Malinda (Mrs. Ellis Hannah).

He leaves his devoted wife, Mabel Hansford Sharp; a daughter, Mrs. Violet Markland, of Richmond, Virginia; four sons, Ivan Sharp, of Nitro; Paul Sharp, of Port Neches, Texas; Dave Sharp, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Si Sharp, at home; twelve grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Slatyfork Methodist Church with the Rev. Clarence Pier-son assisted by the Rev. Ezra Bennett in charge. Burial was in the Slatyfork Cemetery.

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## Investigation Continues

### In Forester's Death

Investigation is continuing by Augusta County Sheriff's Department in the death of forester, Evan L. Sharp.

Sharp, 34, a sub-district forester over Madison, Greene, and Rappahannock Counties, died last Monday while hunting in George Washington National Forest with friend and Chief Fire Warden of Greene and Madison, Donald Lee Parrott of Quinque.

His body was not discovered until last Wednesday morning on Elliott's Knob at North Mountain in Augusta County, about 1-3/4 mile from his truck. Sharp had apparently been shot by another hunter. A single shot from a high powered rifle entered through the abdominal area and lodged in the body. According to evidence found in the mountains, it is estimated the bullet which struck Sharp was fired from 80-85 yards away.

An Augusta sheriff's department spokesman said Monday, there was no definite information yet concerning the accident. A check of persons hunting in the area, licenses and big game stamps is underway. Several hunters at campsites in the area have also been questioned during the investigation. Reports are awaited from FBI laboratories pending identification of several items of physical evidence found in the area.

## Letter to Editor

On behalf of the personnel of the Virginia Division of Forestry, I want to express our sincere appreciation to all of the people in the Madison and surrounding area for their help in the search for Forester Evan Sharp. All of us in the Division of Forestry feel very keenly the loss in Evan's tragic death. It is heartwarming to know that the concern for Evan was so widespread, and that the response to this concern by his friends and neighbors in Madison County was both immediate and magnanimous. We especially want to recognize the efforts of the Madison Rescue Squad and the many other volunteers, whose names we do not have, from the Madison area. For their efforts and time, including the considerable distance to Augusta Springs and in entering the search, we offer our sincere thanks.

Sincerely,

W. F. Custard, State Forester

AUGUSTA SPRINGS—A body identified as Evans Sharp, the Madison County hunter missing since Monday, was found late this morning on Elliott's Knobb.

An Augusta County Sheriff's Department spokesman would only confirm that it was Sharp's body. He would not comment on the cause of death.

The search had been intensified this morning as scores of volunteers, Augusta Military Academy cadets and area students joined in the rescue efforts being coordinated by the sheriff's department at Orange's Market on Va. 42 here.

Mr. Sharp, 34, had gone hunting Monday with his partner, Donald Lee Parrott of Madison County, and failed to return to his truck parked on Chestnut Flat, a mountain top between Elliott's Knob and Hite Hollow, west of here.

Rescue teams concentrated Tuesday on the east side of the mountain, where a gunshot was reportedly heard Monday at dark.

Mrs. Sharp, who drove here Tuesday after learning of her husband's disap-



MR. SHARP

pearance, said the whole situation seemed incredible since her husband was a very "self-sufficient" and experienced hunter, although he occasionally was troubled by one of his knees injured previously while fighting a fire.

Mr. Sharp was employed by the Virginia Division of Forestry and was a member of the Madison County Rescue Squad. He formerly lived with his family in Augusta County and was "very familiar" with the hunting area, according to his widow.

The search had not been without confusion. One report said that a hunter from Madison County somewhat fitting Mr. Sharp's description was seen several miles from the Chestnut Flat area.

Also rescue officials were helped or hindered by the inundation of volunteers that led one spokesman to say: "There are too many chiefs and not enough Indians."

Involved in the search were the Staunton-Augusta, Craigsville-Augusta Springs and Madison County rescue squads, the Civil Air Patrol, State Police, the Virginia Game Commission, the Virginia Division of Forestry, and auxiliaries, churches and private individuals who supplied food to the rescue workers.

Two search planes of the CAP and a State Police helicopter flew over the mountainous terrain Tuesday and this morning.

#### Evan Sharp

Evan Lilburn Sharp, 34, of Madison, Virginia, formerly of West Virginia, was killed Wednesday, November 19, 1975, in the National Forest in Augusta County, Virginia.

He was a native of Slatyfork, and was in the Virginia Forestry Service.

His father Ivan Sharp, died earlier this year. He was a grandson of the late L. D. Sharp of Slatyfork.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis McCutcheon Sharp; two sons, Arthur Todd and Roderick Evan, both of Madison, Virginia; mother, Mrs. Ivan L. Sharp, of Nitro, a brother, Ralph Sharp, of California; sister, Mrs. Thomas Shipley, of Parkersburg.

Services were held Friday morning in Madison United Methodist Church in Madison, Virginia. Burial was Friday at 4 p. m. in Slatyfork Cemetery.

## Hunter died of gunshot wound

The death of a Madison County man Monday in the mountains west of Augusta Springs was due to a gunshot wound, Augusta County authorities said Wednesday, and the wound appeared not to be self inflicted.

An autopsy completed today at the state medical examiner's office at Roanoke determined that Evans Lilburn Sharp died of a rifle wound in the abdomen. He had been dead since "sometime Monday", State Medical Examiner Dr. David Oxley said.

Mr. Sharp, 34, of Madison County was found Wednesday morning by Virginia Division of Forestry volunteers in a moderately wooded area in the Chestnut Flats section of North Mountain. An experienced outdoorsman and forester from Madison, Green and Rappahannock counties at the time of his death, Mr. Sharp was last seen around 1 p. m. Monday and was reported missing 9:30 that night.

Mr. Sharp, a former resident of Staunton said to be very familiar with the mountains, had gone hunting with a friend Monday and did not return to his truck.

A search, coordinated by the Augusta County Sheriff's Department and strengthened by volunteers, began Tuesday and intensified Wednesday before the body was found late Wednesday morning.

The body was first taken to King's Daughters' Hospital, then to Madison County. Later, it was taken to Roanoke to the state medical examiner's office for an autopsy.

According to a sheriff's department spokesman, Mr. Sharp was found lying face up, his rifle near the body. He had been shot in the stomach, the spokesman said.

The case is now under investigation by the department deputies.

A spokesman for the department thanked those who participated in the two-day search.

Mr. Sharp was son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan L. Sharp.

Surviving besides his mother who lives at Nitro, W. Va., are his widow, Mrs. Phyllis (McCutcheson) Sharp of Madison; two sons, Arthur T. and Roderick E. Sharp, both of Madison; one brother, Ralph Sharp of California, and one sister, Mrs. Thomas Shipley of Parkersburg, W. Va.

Services will be conducted 10 a. m. Friday in Madison United Methodist Church. Burial will be 4 p. m. in Powhatan County, W. Va.

#### DEATHS

Mrs. Laura Morgan Sharp, wife of L. D. Sharp, died at her home at Slaty Fork on Monday afternoon, October 17, 1932. She had been ill for many months with heart disease and complications. She was in her 59th year, having been born March 31, 1874. Burial in the Sharp family graveyard on Wednesday afternoon, the funeral being conducted from the Slaty Fork Church by her pastor, Rev. T. H. Taylor.

Mrs. Sharp was the daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Morgan. Her mother, Mrs. Edith Morgan Irvine, preceded her to the grave a few weeks since. Of her father's family there remain two brothers, William and Edgar, and a sister, Sarah (Nannie).

Forty years ago she became the wife of L. D. Sharp. He and their children, Ivan, Silas, Paul and Luther, Jr., Mrs. William Curtin, of Baltimore, and Mrs. R. W. Markland, of Richmond, survive. A daughter, Creola, died nine years ago.

For a life time, Mrs. Sharp, had been a professing Christian, a member of the Methodist Church. She was a good woman, who well performed the duties of wife, mother and neighbor.



(1) William Sharp, Pioneer of Huntersville (1740 -18 133) 1833) 130  
William Sharp, Jr. (or 2nd) (air 1280---1---) Wife: Elizabeth Waddell (they lived near Verdant Valley)  
 (1772-1860) (MARRIED 7-24-1795)

William Sharp, "Jr." (or 3rd) 1815-1888) Wife: Michael Dilley of near Campbelltown, Lived Slatyfork.  
Silas "Si" Sharp, 1842-1899 -57 Hugh C 1846-1923 -77 Marmen William Luther Henry Bernard Mary Ella  
Sarah Hannah 1847-1908 -64 Slatyfork (unmarried) and Elkins civilian, killed in Civil War, 16 Civil War Civil War died age 6  
 1847-1908 7-10-1846 Talbert, Richard, 12-17-1843 8-17-1840 6-14-1839 130  
Mable 10-2-1850

Luther David Sharp, 1872-1963 -91 married Laura Jane Morgan, daughter of Rev. Sam Morgan of Edray Edray  
 1874-1932 -57 (Mrs Robt Gibson)

Luther's Sisters: Melinda (Mrs. Ellis Hannah):  
 \*Vee Hannah  
 \*Mrs. Charles Beale  
 \*Russell Hannah  
 \*Mrs Baxter (Lena?)  
 (Mrs Robt Gibson)  
 Mary Ella Gibson:  
 \*Allie (Forest Gibson)  
 \*Bill Gibson  
 \*Florence Gibson  
 \*Ollie OTIS Gibson  
 \*ONNIE THOMAS

Ada ELLA Johnson Violet Ivan Creola Si Paul Luther D Sharp, Jr.  
Curtain (Rufus) 1900-1975 1904-1923 10-27-07 11-24-10 6-8-16 ("Dave")  
Donald Markland (Genevieve 18 Slaty rk (Sylvia Friel of  
Helen 3-15-97 Orndorff) died of (Venda Love ) Marlinton)  
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Clara \*Rufus, Jr. \*Evan infection (Katherine Milhellen) 12-19-61  
Stanley (Ft. Wayne, Ind) \*Ramona 11-30-23 Pt. Neches, Texas B (Nennie Eduarde)  
Baltimore (Tom Shipley) \*Thayer 6-3-33 (Beverly Champion) (Cincinnati, O)  
\*Barbara Jane 8-4-35 may 1980  
(Glen Smith)

David Hannah Wife: Mester ("Messie") Sinafesse from Crabbottom she and her mother married her father  
 (MARRIED 11-21-1843) and lived on the below place on Elk Mt  
 (wife taken)

Sarah (married Silas Sharp) \*Rev Geo. Hannah \*Mary \*Melinda \*Henry \*Joe \*Otha  
DEB 15-1844-12-21-08 -64 XMAS married married married died died about  
their children: John Rose Margaret age 12 age 12  
Luther Sharp, Melinda (Mannah), Ella (Gibson) (Sam Gibson) Stella McClure) diphtheria diphtheria  
\*Richard married 16-1844 vision  
\*Henry Mr Fischer Ernest  
\*Archie WALTER HARRIS H.M.  
\*Ruth A ROBERT  
\*STELLA

Rev. Sam Morgan, Circuit Rider, Edgway Charge (Methodist)  
Edith Ramsey married at 16 (2-21-1872) (1889-1899) (See Morgan history)

she later married  
Wes Ervin  
Laura Jane Morgan \*Will Morgan \*Ninnie \*Edgar \*Lena  
1874-1932 -58 Lebelia died in Lebelia Edray  
married L.D. Sharp Western

Laura was 15 when a daughter  
her father moved into Miriam who  
the Edray Parsonage, married Roy  
3 years later at Sparks  
18 (almost 19) she  
got married  
2-16-1893

Married Charlie  
Mitchel (children  
were Ruby & Edith)  
Remarried McKenny more...  
(children John & 1  
elyed Naomi

1980-1182  
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History and Stories  
of the  
SHARP FAMILY  
of  
Slatyfork, W. Va.  
Principally by and of  
Luther David Sharp, Sr.  
6-8-1872 - 3-19-63

Compiled from magnetic tapes, recollections, etc.

This history booklet of the L. D. Sharp family was compiled by Dave Sharp from recollections and tapes he made of "LD" and from others in the family. Valuable assistance was provided by Si Sharp for his recollections of important stories; by Ramona Shipley for her transcribed tapes of her father, Ivan, and copies she made of old deeds etc.; by cousin Allie Gibson letting me tape her stories of the Sharps; and by Paul Sharp for his tapes he made of Dad's stories. *THAYER SHARP MADE XEROX COPIES*

Cousins Vee Hannah and Allie Gibson loaned old original pictures of the Sharps from which to make copies used in the booklet.

*AND HUBERT TAYLOR-IN PARTICULAR*

Credit goes to Edith Workman of Millsboro for the copy of the Rev. Samuel Morgan history compiled by cousin Hubert Taylor, 14 Stroud St., Wilmington, Del. 19805, from which our copies are made. This is a complete history of the family of Laura Sharp, wife of L. D. Sharp. Thanks to cousin Edith! Thanks to cousin Hubert!

Stories and/or pages are numbered in "red" ink. Any one who has additional stories or pages please make four <sup>OR MORE</sup> copies and number them in red so we can place them in the proper location in the booklet. For instance, page 26-A would go after page 26.

Also: any other rare family pictures and other pictures of great interest are welcomed, to make negatives to have copies made for the four booklets.

A booklet was issued to each:

Paul Sharp, 723 Avenue D. Port Neches, Texas, 77651

Si Sharp, Slatyfork, W. Va. 26291

Mrs. Ramona Shipley, 43 Meadowcrest Drive, Parkersburg, W. Va. 26101

Dave Sharp, 4171 Paxton Woods Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209

Each of the above have Cassette tapes from which the transcriptions in the booklet were made.

PLEASE ! If this copy becomes misplaced or lost, please return it to one of the above persons or descendants. It is very important that it stays in the Sharp family

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Last picture taken  
of Silas

1898



Last picture of  
Silas  
1898

Ella     Luther     Melinda

Silas  
("Si")

Sarah  
("Sally")



Ella  
Melinda  
Luther

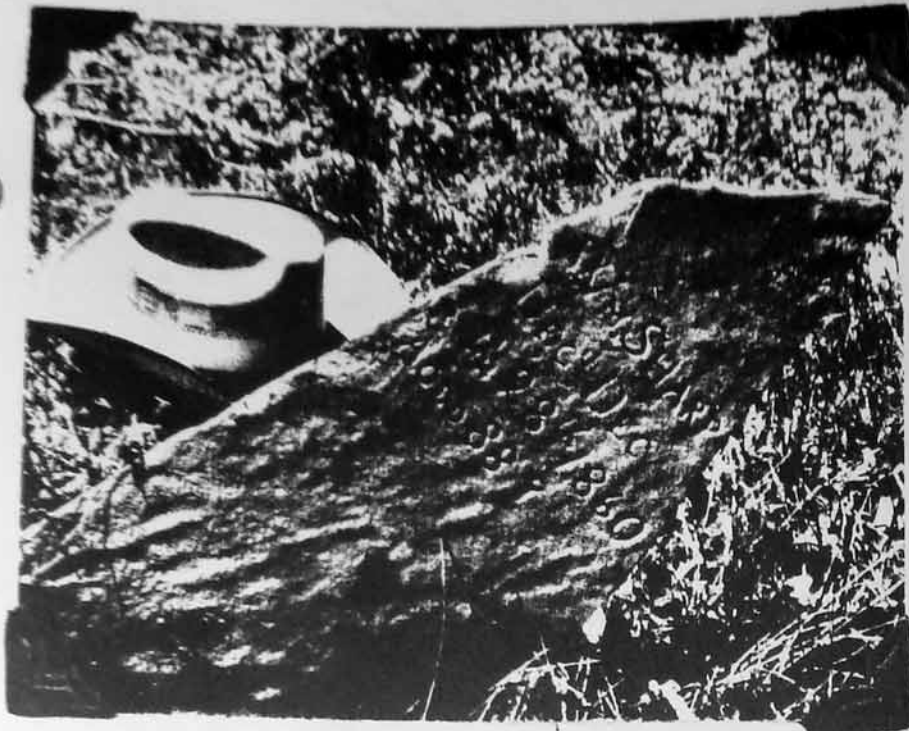


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Luther David & Mary     Ella Melinda Luther



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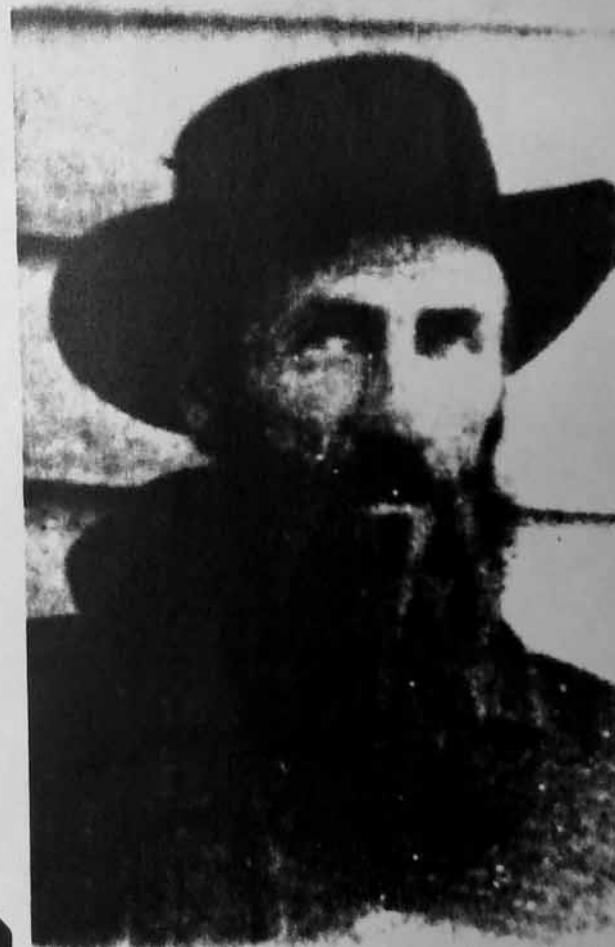


WM SHARP  
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The 28TH 1860  
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Wm. Sharp, Jr. (II) 1772-1860

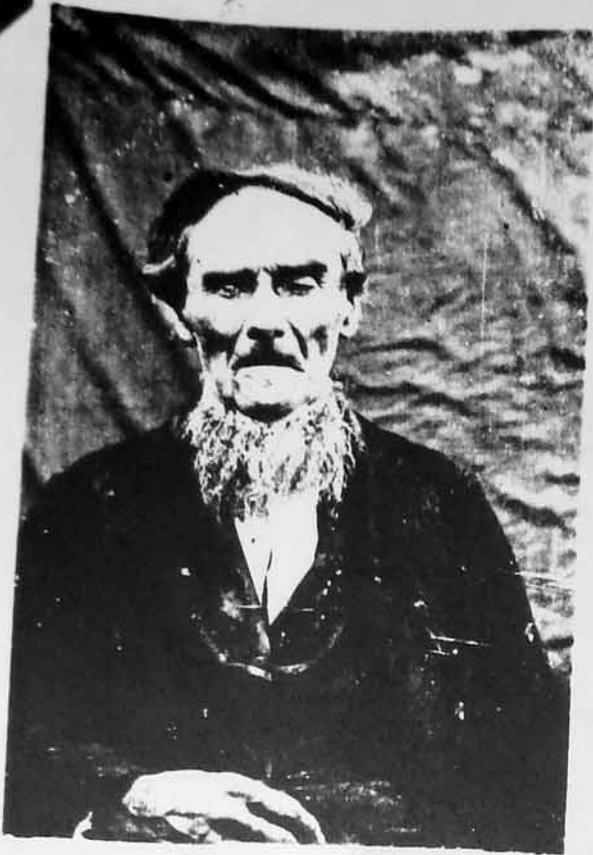
Wm. Sharp's tombstone in the Sharp cemetery on the Edray to Cloverlick road, near Fairview lane intersecting and near Arthur Friel's place.

He was the son of the pioneer William Sharp (1740-1833) and father of Wm. Sharp (III) (1815-1888) who is buried at the Slatyfork cemetery.



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Parents  
of Silas  
and Hannah  
Sharp



WILLIAM SHARP (III) 1815-1888  
Parents of Silas and Hannah

RACHEL (Dilley) SHARP 1805-18

Son of  
William



"Silas"



SILAS ("SI") SHARP SARAH (HANNAH)  
1847-1906

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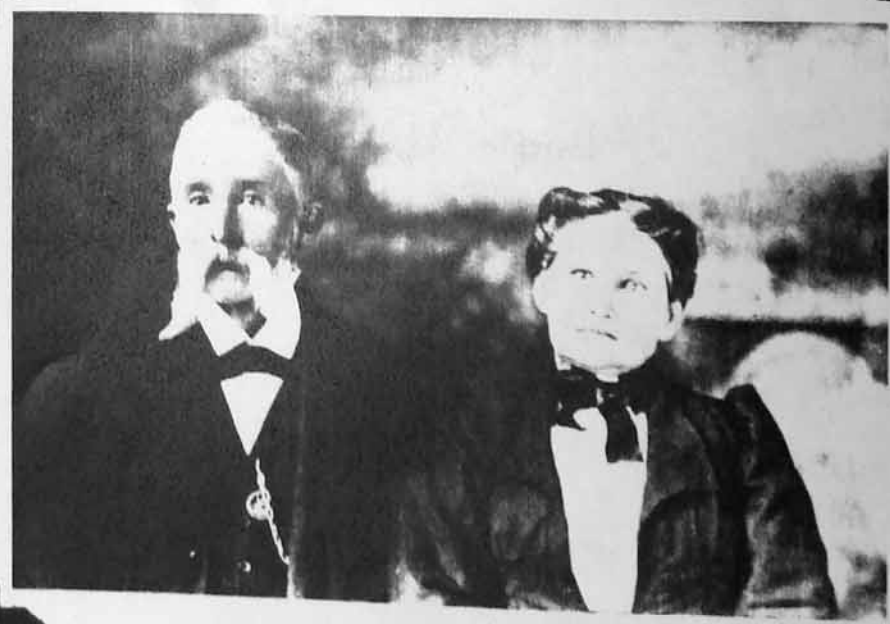
James Randolph Morgan  
4-2-1815-5-6-1897  
father of Sam Morgan

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House  
with  
Buggan  
"Sam" off  
wrecked  
& killed him



(married 2-21-1872)  
    ↖ Rev. Sam Morgan      ↗ Edith Morgan  
    Parents of Laura Sharp (3-31-1874-10-17-1932)



Her second  
husband

Wes Irwin

Edith Irwin (3-31-1874-9-25-1932)



# Hugh Calvin Sharp

The first bee-hive has a glass inspection opening covered with a wooden removable cover still in expectation.

Probably made by Capt. Minnie (of Buck Run) a friend of Hugh's.

Note corner side of beehive



Hugh Sharp  
(7-10-1846 - 8-25-1923)



Uncle Hugh Sharp on porch of old log house that used to be attached to the present log house.

(perhaps still sitting on porch?)

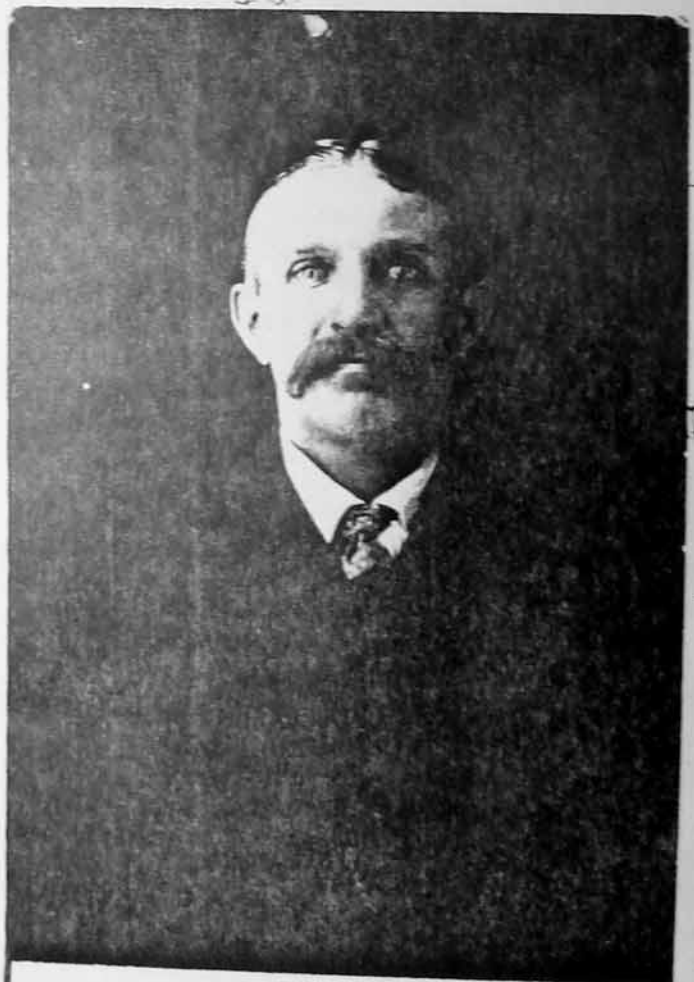
Hugh Sharp 1846-1923  
Hunting knife in belt now belongs to Evan Sharp's sons in Va.

S. H. Sharp

S. H. Sharp from Tin type Apr 19-7



HUGH SHARP Beaver Hunting Sept 1917  
G. G. 71



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1911. and some  
 friends  
 L.H. & girl friends



from Tin Types

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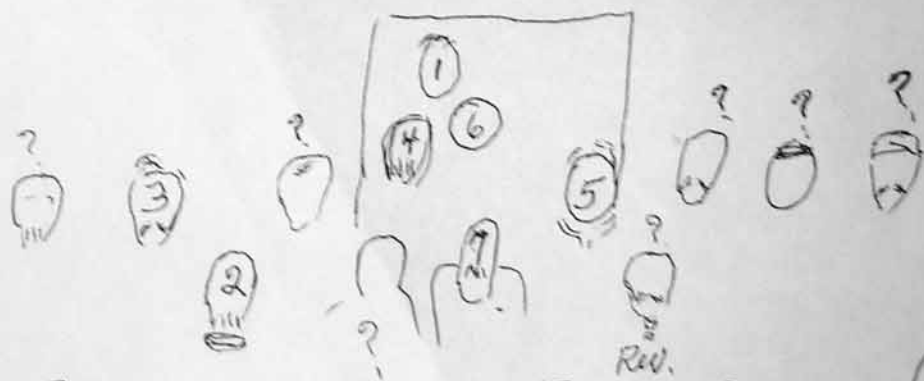


Quarterly meeting - Perhaps 1 Edw. Thayer  
or 2 morgan chapel

8-F



Howard Wadsworth 3 C Morgan (not) in door Rev George F. Moore 1  
Rev Clark 2 4 Uncle George Hannah 6 Rev Hedrick  
3 (7) Rev. Fultz



- 1 George F. Moore
- 2 Howard Wadsworth
- 3 Rev. Clark
- 4 Uncle George Hannah

5. S. C. Morgan (Samuel Morgan)
6. Rev. Hedrick
7. Rev. Fultz

(Believe all are preachers)



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Hugh →

Creola, Jean Ada, Wade, & LQ

10

Sept'

Sister  
Remove  
Top  
Picture  
→



Viola

Sandra

Paul

Li

Uncle Hugh ↑

LQ Sharp family

Sept 1917



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1-5

1938

"65"  
pandles  
"LQ"

Melinda Hannah

LQ,  
(65)  
age

Ell Gibson



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Sugar Camp



Maple Sugar Camp at Slatyfork about 1912?  
Near old home place, below the bridge  
and just below the meadow near creek



(L.D. SHARP) I L & Laura  
ada + Violet



Ada Laura Violet Lultha  
Gran Violet Lultha  
Jenny Knoll  
(Married 2-16-1893)

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Photograph of L. D. Sharp's Maple Sugar Camp at Slatyfork  
Described by Ivan L. Sharp Nov. 27, 1973

T  
The picture faces Buzzard Mountain. You can faintly see the line of the old road going toward Marlinton. Ada may have been married or she and/or Si may have been taking care of or watching the store, in case some customer should come. I don't quite recognize the horses. The one with the (white) star in the forehead looks like "Old Bell", grandmother Sharp's (Sarah) mare. The other appears to be Mike, the strawberry roan with ears sticking straight up. A lot of age difference in the two horses."

"Judging from the size of Violet the plain (clear) one in the picture (in white), I appear to be standing (left to right): Ivan, Joe Snyder, Gemmie ~~(XIXXX)~~ Snyder, Violet, Mother (Laura), Creola, Paul and Dad (L.D.) at the kettles. ~~Wirt Snyder and Austin or~~ / Gemmie Snyder was oldest and only daughter of Wirt Snyder. Wirt Snyder and Austin or Floyd Galford on the sled."

Dave: (If this picture could have been snapped in Feb. 1916, they would be these ages: LD 44, Mother 42, Violet 19, Ivan 16, Creola 12, Si 9, and Paul 6 See further note of Dave's at the end.)--Dave.

Ivan further stated: "There looks to be a fuel shortage for the kettles, but we kept some dry wood in the shed and a pile of poles below the camp for the two pans. (evaporating pans were inside the shed.) One or two persons would stay in camp at night to keep fires going and pans filled to prevent burning of syrup. Sometimes would roast potatoes, apples and meat at night by the fire."

Dave's further notes: Violet born 1897, married July 1918 at age 21.

Willie H. Gibson of Will Gibson (at mouth of Slatyfork creek) was a photographer and took pictures up to perhaps 1920 or later. This picture was among Will Gibson's things after he died. The card was not mailed but was addressed to Mr. Earnest Gibson, Elkwater, W. Va. with this message "Hello. How are you by this time? I am well and hope to find you the same. Sugar Camp view; from Willie H. Gibson". Dorothy Fitzwater gave Dave the original picture. She inherited it from perhaps a sister or other relative maybe married to young Willie. The Slatyfork Creek is between the camp and the hill, in picture.

Ivan further stated: "The sugar camp is below the old barn meadow. A big wood log type storage tank in foreground, 4 big iron kettles for boiling sugar water down from 50 gal. to about 1 gal of syrup. Inside shed is two furnaces with evaporating pans, a bunk bed for night work. The two smoke stacks were from the old saw mill that ceased operation further up the creek years before. A sled was used to haul the sap to the camp using two 50 gal wood barrels--sometimes three. Picture appears to have been taken when Wirt Snyder lived at the old Jackson house up the creek (almost to buck-hollow)"

Note: The boy beside Mother appears to be thin like Si or Dave. If Dave, then the boy in trough must be Paul. Then picture must have been taken about 1918 or 1919 before Violet married. Could the girl beside Violet be Creola??? A good puzzle! ... but an interesting picture.

Laura  
 & P  
 Top  
 unknown



from  
 Lisa  
 types

2 in  
 1890



Laura Jane Morgan (sister) Minnie Virginia Morgan

Laura  
 (Morgan)



Hauling  
 Sugar water  
 To make  
 maple Syrup

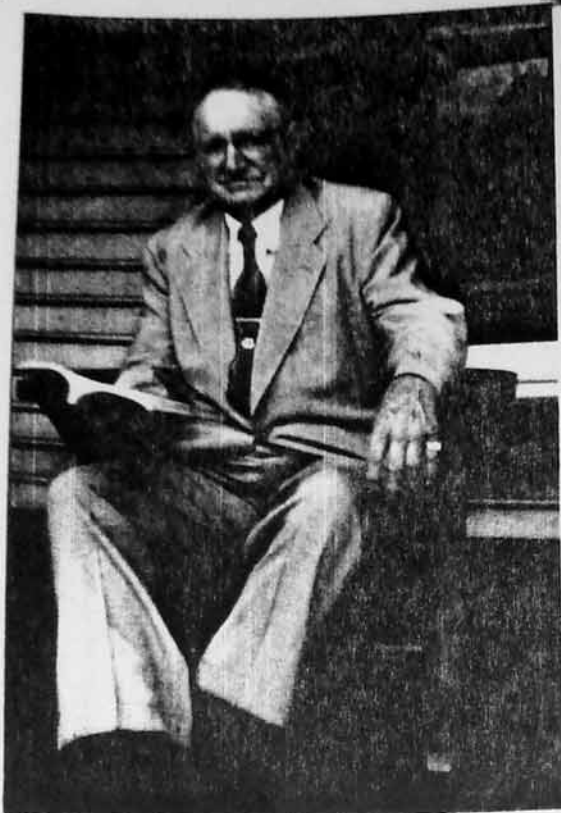
Laura & Creola at sled

& P on sled  
 going with bucket

Sam Gibson on horse carrying mail

(Hauling sugar water  
 to make maple syrup & sugar)





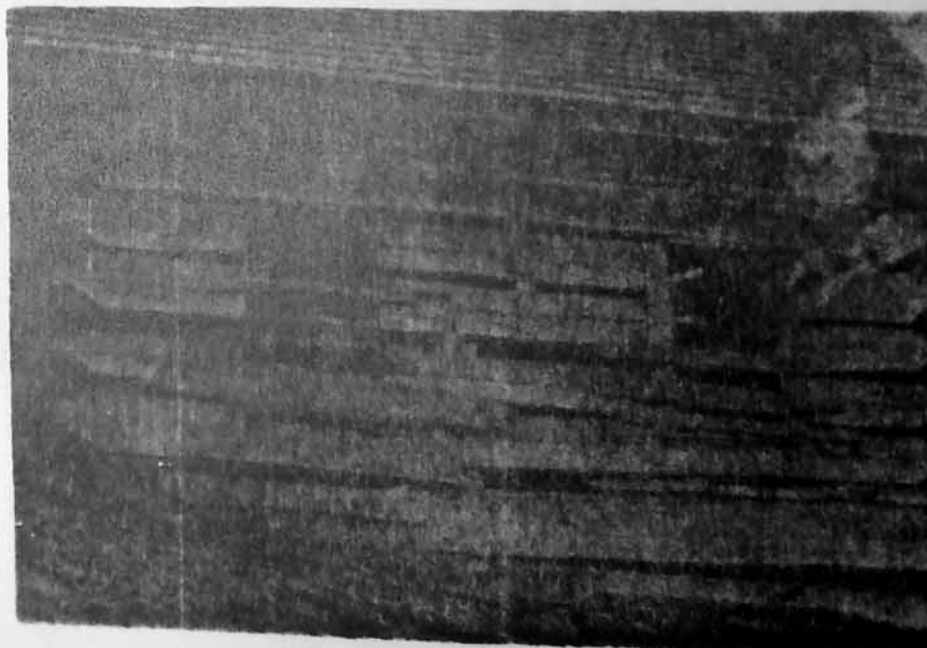
E.D. Sharp



Laura Jane (Morgan) Sharp



Si



"E.D.'s" log shack

WE



Rayth  
Benjamin & D. L. Lary  
F. W.

Log School House when 'F. L.'  
1875  
Went to school

We have  
clear photo's

ditto



documented  
1955  
(?)

The old mill dam and Great mill  
at Slatyfork

played at  
Slatyfork

Luther Helmentoller 2

dad ← Bernard Galford



Bernard Galford Rosie Galford Miss Knowles Violet Sharp Austin Galford  
at the old mill dam  
(Cir 1917)

"Brice Driffin" mill at Slatyfork





light  
←

Ada  
→  
holding  
rabbit



Violet (Sharp) Markland

Ada (Sharp) Curtin/Johnson

LUTHER  
HELMENTOLLER  
↓  
Benedict  
Helford  
↓  
Luther Helford  
Luther Helford  
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the song of the night  
she came with a preacher  
—allie Helms  
↓  
Luther Helford

Violet Sharp.

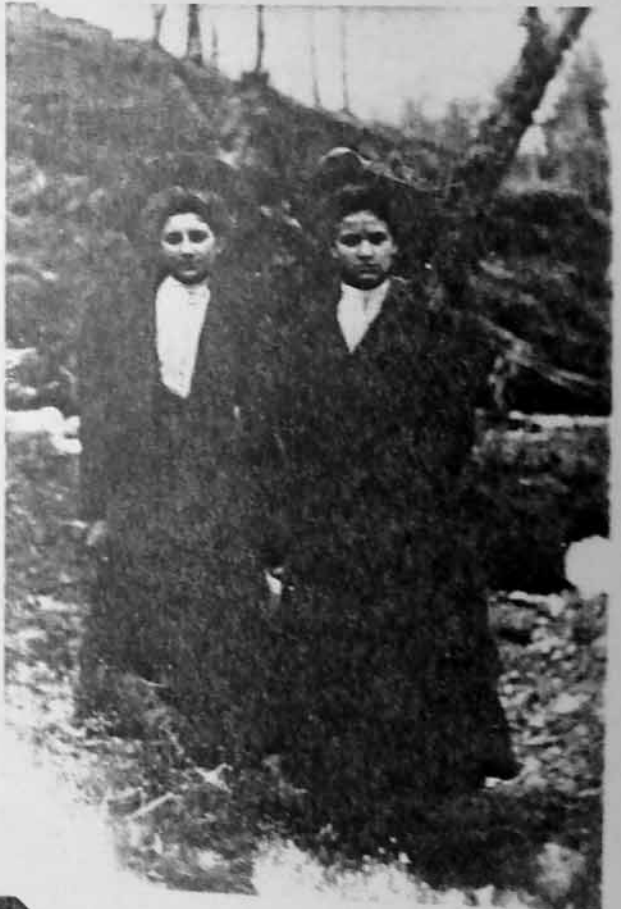
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the song of the night  
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the song of the night  
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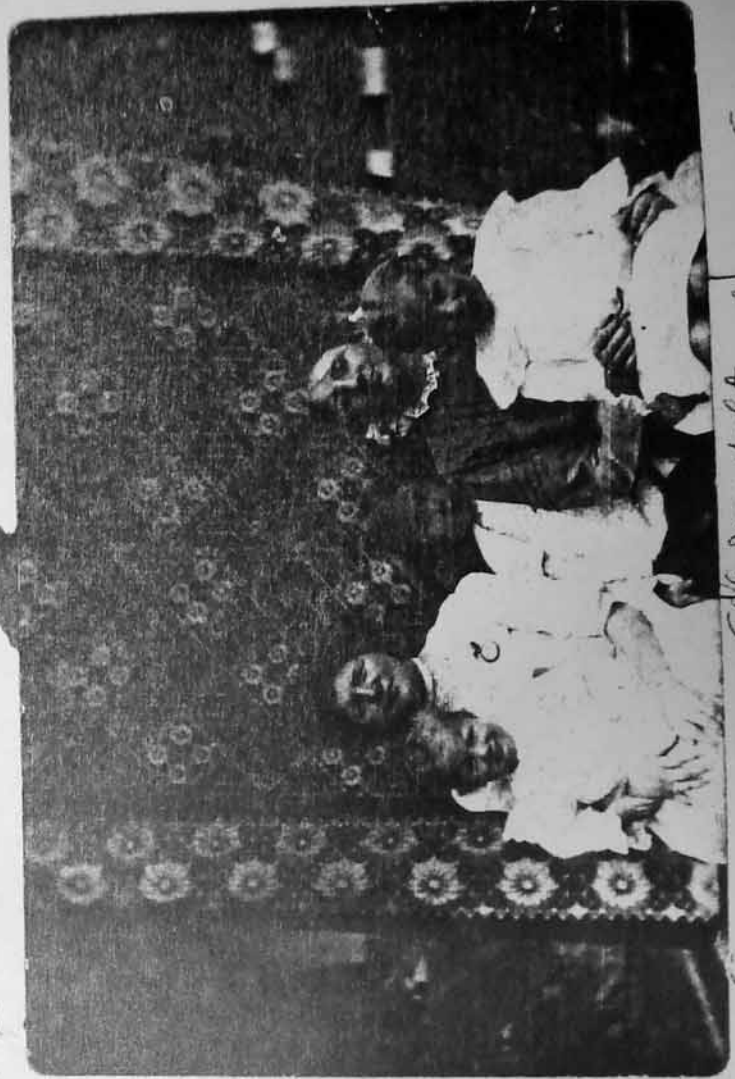
Rose  
Helford  
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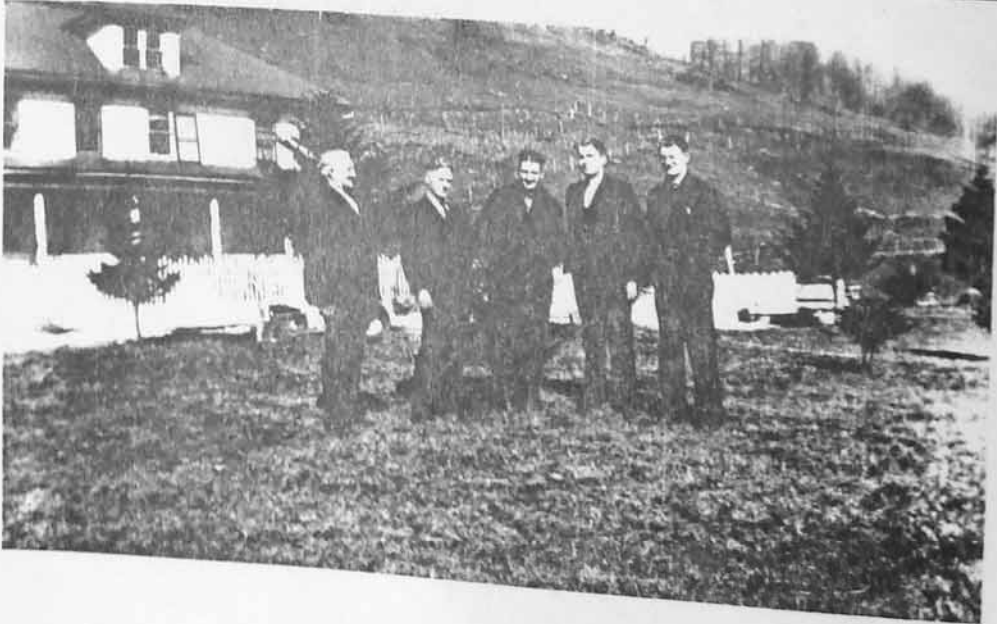


Ada Sharp at Ladyfork creek Mabel Whanger



Ada from Violet creek

Ed & his 4 sons

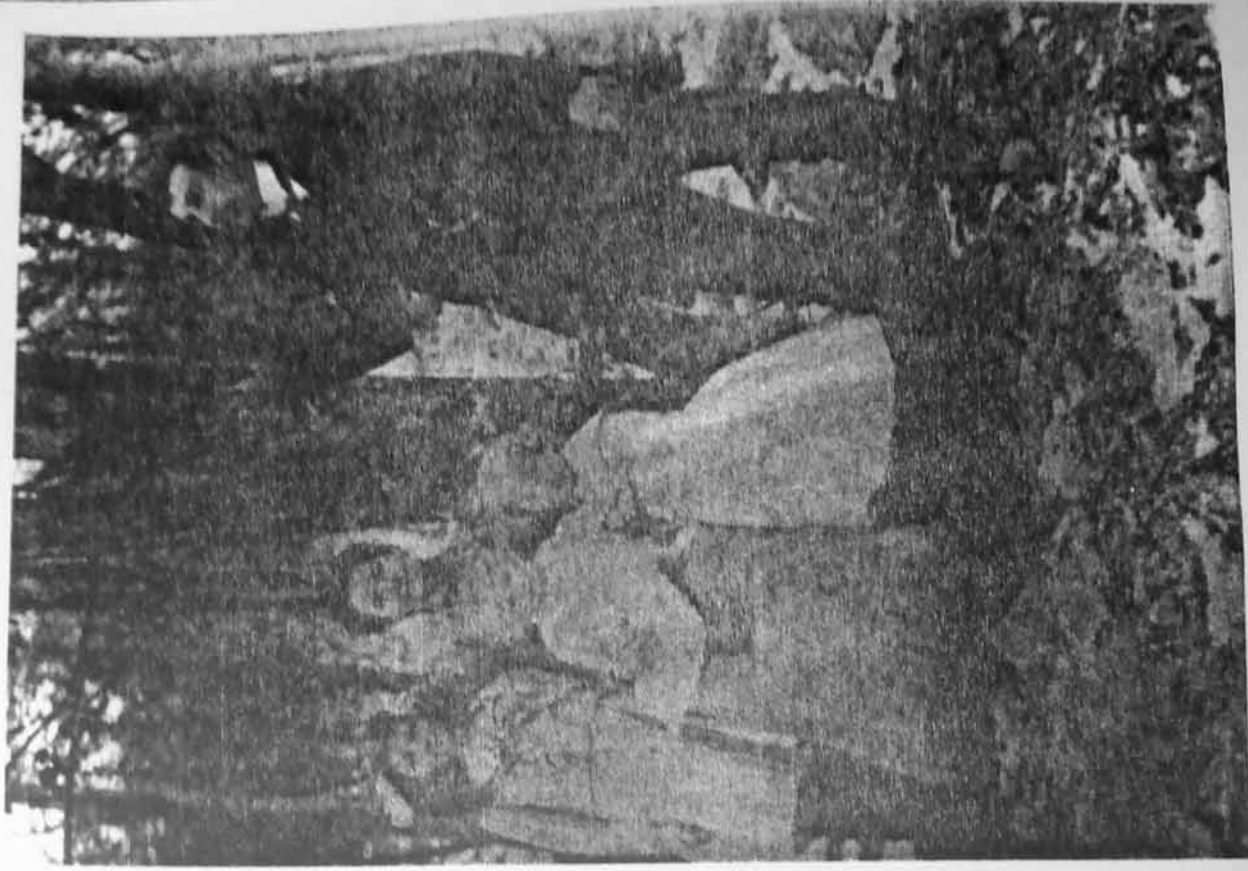


Ada + Mable unchanged



Ada  
Lang Guen Violet & L.L.

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Ada + Mable unchanged  
Lang Guen Violet & L.L.



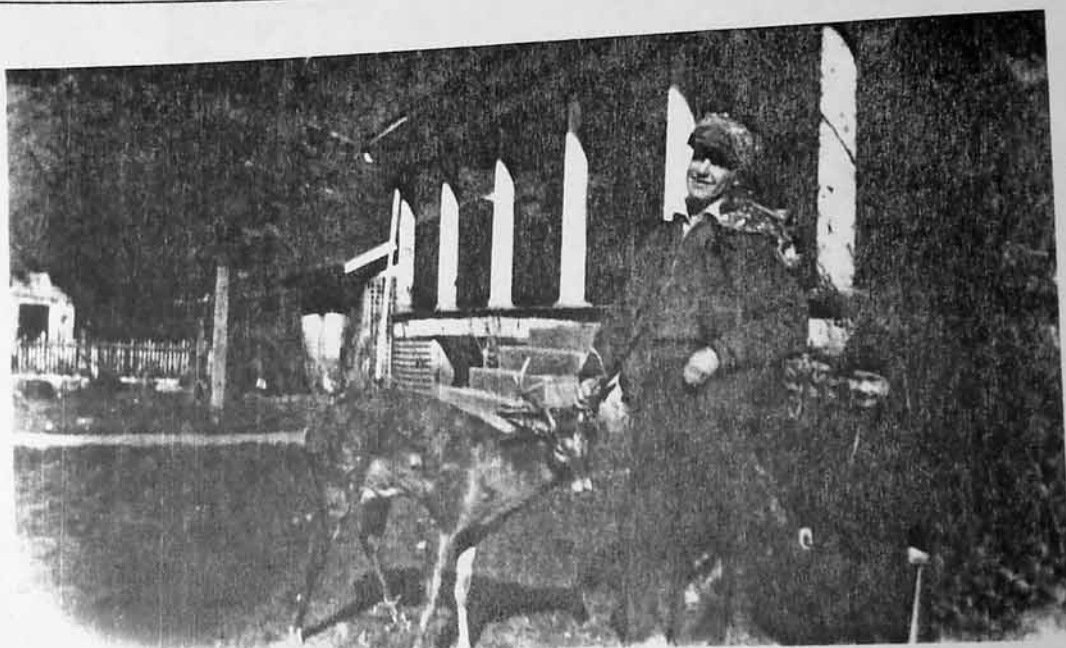


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S.H.  
+  
his  
children choir



Joan  
Evan



7/24

Joan  
(920) S.H.

TAMMARA SPRING

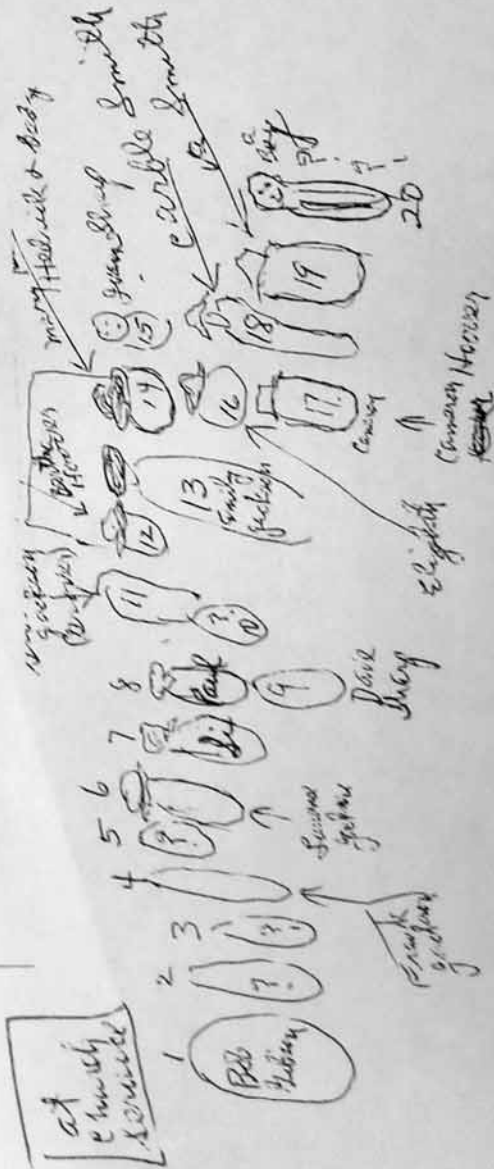
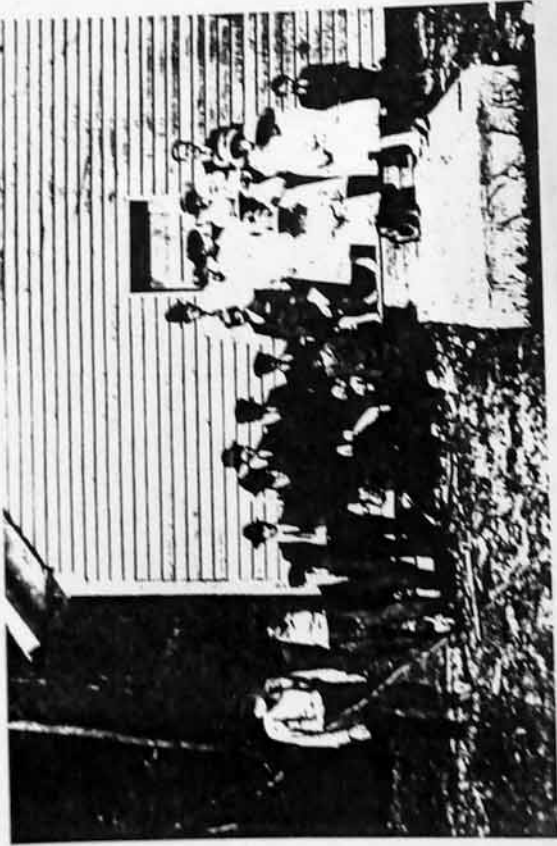


Jan 1950

See 143-144

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4000



Datayark School #3  
Burned about 1928  
Located 75 yards from #219  
up Datayark creek

Peppers

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21

Miss  
Kendall  
+  
Violet



Miss  
Kendall  
+  
Violet

Ada  
+  
Violet



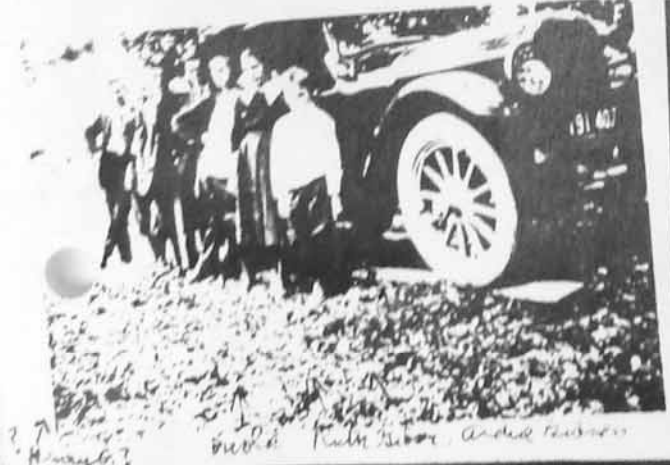




Charles and



Lady in a dress 22



From  
Creak's album 23



Creak



Phyllis Creak



Creak

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Creak



Creak

Creak Sharp  
Sue Brillon



Creak

Sue Brillon





Feb 1916

Creda Sharp



Creda

Creda  
Sharp  
Nov 1916



25

John  
mailed  
holding  
reins

Wan  
mailed

LD on  
back  
of Spring  
Wagon

Wan  
mailed



"Lil" + Wan  
"going to Town"

Lil  
Wan



(Red)

L.B. A.B.



Li  
Paul

Wan

August  
Halter

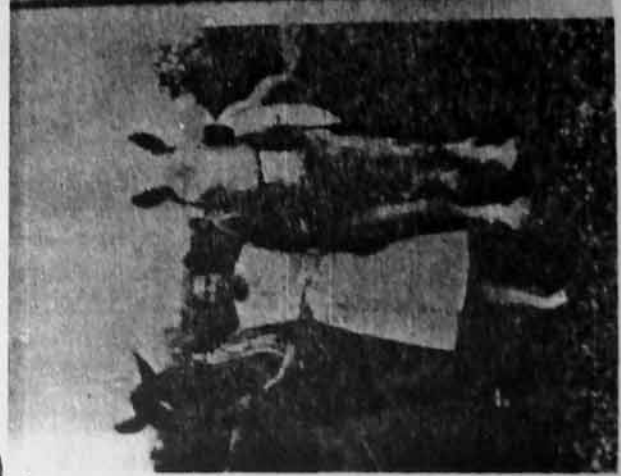
Photo on hand  
behind  
mother  
(A. A. A.)



Lil  
(Lil)



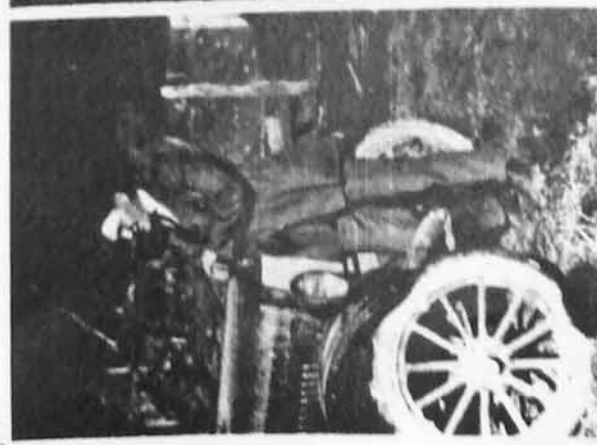
in  
 New  
 Edith  
 old  
 "Charles"  
 at 88th  
 Edith



Ada  
 Lill. Cressa  
 Ivan Violet  
 Laura Li



Laura (Morgan) Sharp



Ivan & Lily car.

L.W. Sharp at 30 acre Farm near Orlando - New "Disney World"







Henry  
& his son



Joan Shady Henry & Archie Gibson





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SLH



SLH  
in  
the  
old  
farm



Mrs. D. D. D.  
Sarah Ada  
Rufus Violet  
Helen

SLH  
feeding  
the



June 4, 1920

# POST CARD

POSTAGE  
NOW  
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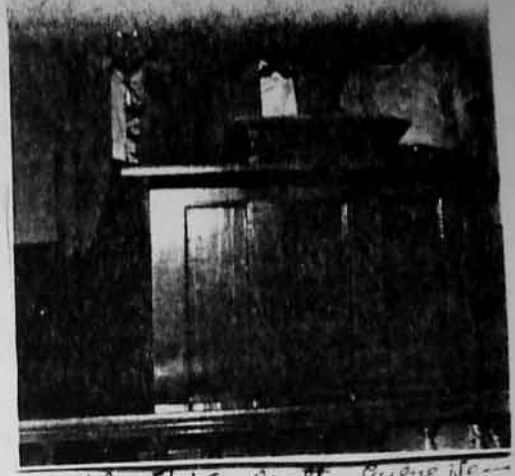
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THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN  
ON THIS SIDE

Dear Luther  
it is so near your  
birthday. I am  
sending a little card  
hope it finds you well.  
and yours, love up-  
your loving Sister  
Marilyn Hope we must be  
young that Happy Land  
Sweet Love

Mr. J. D. Sharp  
Slaty Fork  
H. V. 9

sent from Malheur to J. H.



J. R. Red Eye Benett Oregon St.  
Slaty Fork Church



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Ada Sharp



Violet

J. R. & his load of wool



Henry Gibson  
J. R.'s Flat car

J. R. &  
Truck load of  
wool





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Photo  
on road  
at Glen  
Bluff

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on Alaska road



Mrs. Columbus Morgan



Frank Porter, Mrs. Morgan & Eda May  
at Slaty Fork company store



MIRIAM MORGAN



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- Ray? the Don
- Smith Thyr? Guy
- Edna Hannah?
- Eva Hannah?
- Charles Galford
- as photo) Janetta Bonney or Shellen Guy
- Rosa Hinch
- Leola Lemons
- Ruth Thomas
- Clorithy Haman
- Harold Johnson
- Wass? Sharp
- Raymond Mac
- Hubert Bonney
- or Peter
- Helen Johnson
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Stalyfork School  
about 1924 (?)



L.D. & his fish.

Florida



Photo of L.D.



DAVE

"L.D."

POUGHKEEPSIE

at the Reunion--Sept. 1950

Dear Dave:

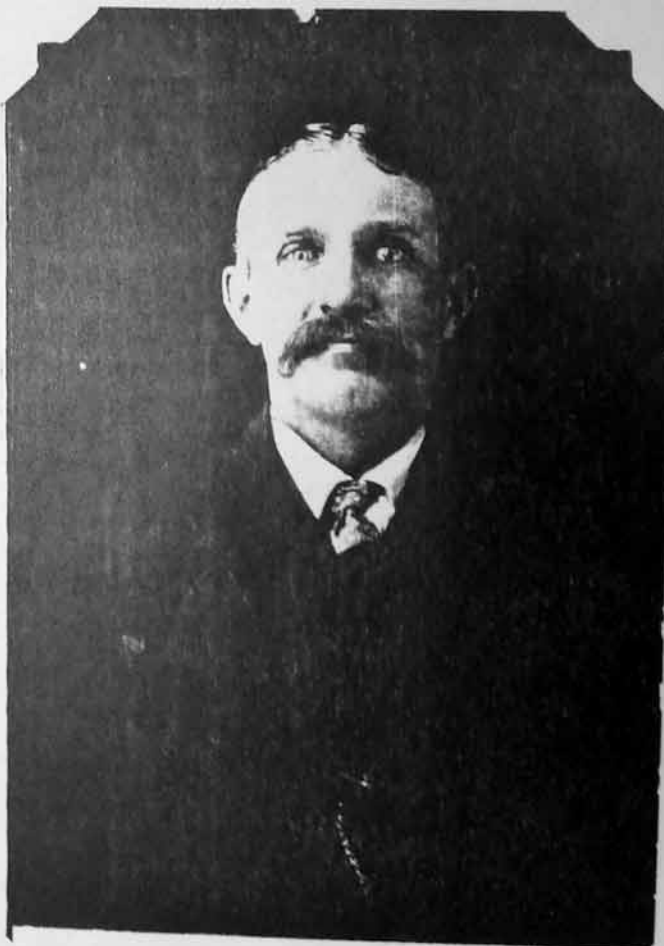
Clara took this candid picture of Dad at the reunion.

The camera seemed to have captured a glimpse of that elusive, ethereal happiness he experienced in having his children all home again.

Can't you just see him in memory as he talked to you on that eventful day? That treasured quality of good humored true friendliness in the laughter of his smile which lights up his face like a "Heavenly Illumination, makes him seem very near and very dear to each one of us. With love and fond memories  
Ada



L.L.



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Anna - 1954



"LD" diving bees  
June 1-55

"LD" the fisherman  
Summer 1958

"LD" out taking  
care of his sheep  
Christmas week  
1958

"LD" and son, Ivan,  
at Ivan's home  
1959

"LD" the hunter,  
Nov. 1955

He shot the squirrel  
out of the Hickory  
tree just behind him  
and he is standing  
beside the old barn.  
The squirrel fell from  
the tree with a broken  
back. Dad tried to  
step on it's head and  
the squirrel bit at  
his pants leg!

Dad's family  
Christmas 1950  
(in kitchen)  
Left to right:  
Violet  
Kathy  
Paul  
Ivan  
Dad  
Mable  
Genevieve  
Gashful Si  
Dave  
Evan  
Sylvia at bottom



Dad  
Ivan  
(Nov 1939)

Wagner  
Shay



Si in Fla 1963

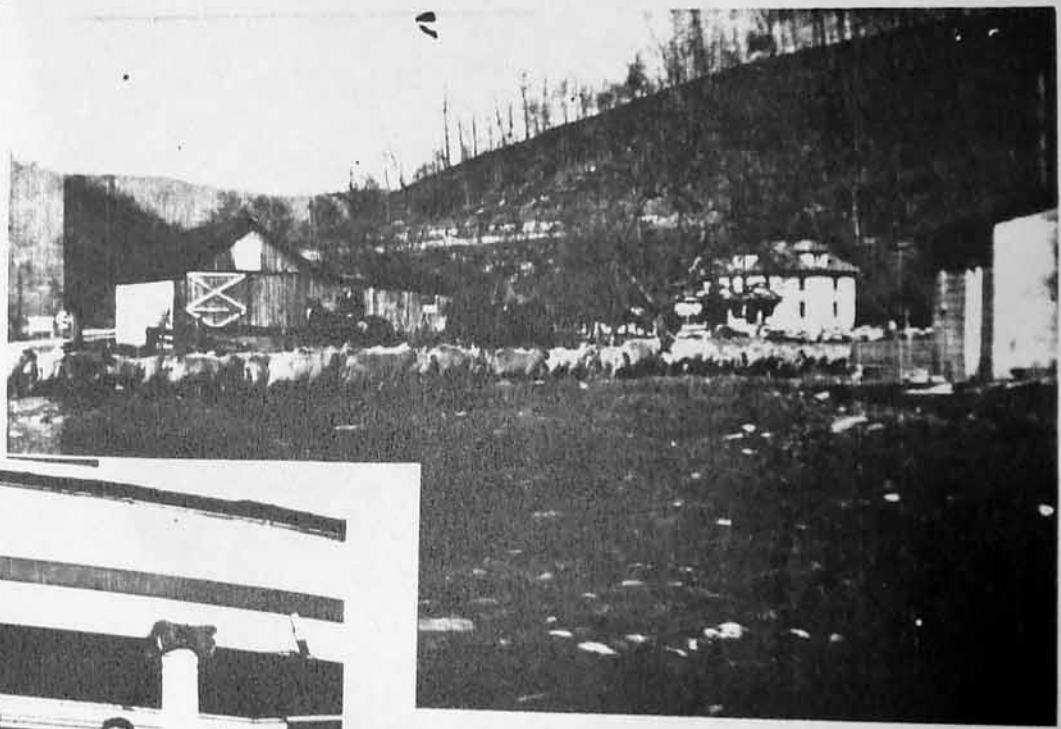


LD & chickens

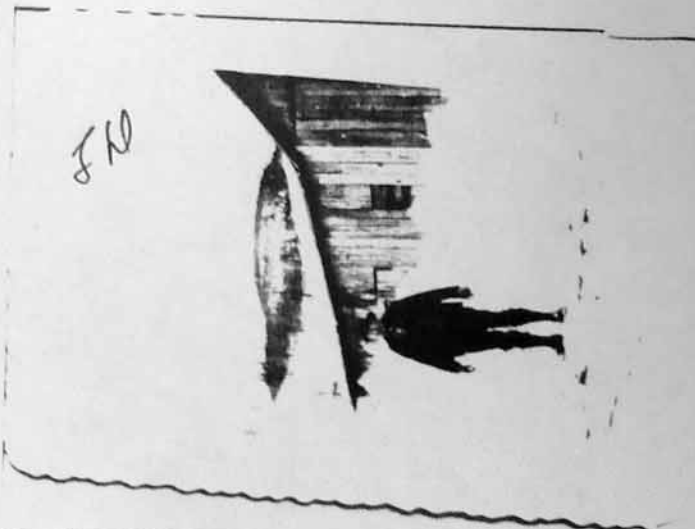
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 branding iron  
 The first sheep  
 I saw it was  
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 they so deeded  
 I liked it  
 backwards  
 "2"



"S" had his  
 blacksmith to  
 make an "S"  
 branding iron  
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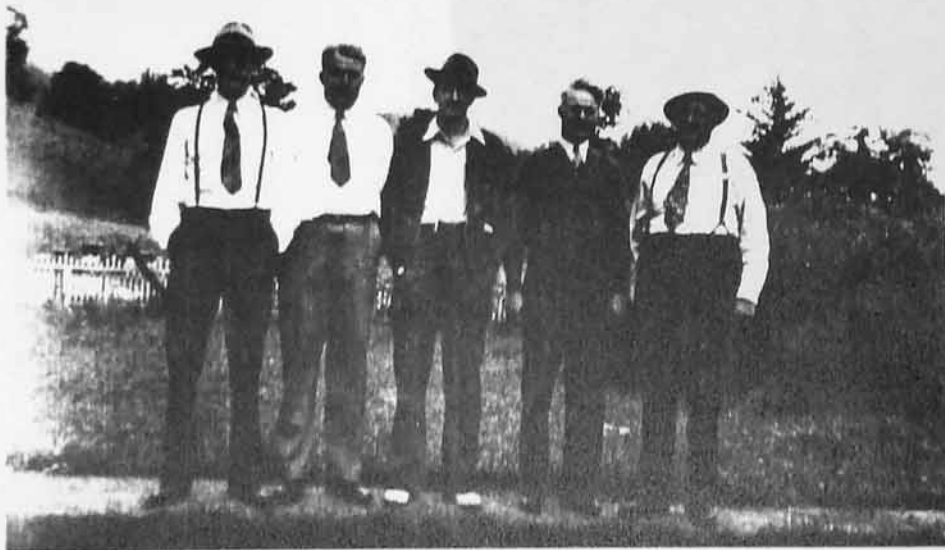
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Mrs  
W. W. W.



Paul + Vonda  
Barbara  
May



*Eunice + Si Sharp 1982*



*Dave + Si*

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IVAN SHARP FAMILY

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IVAN SHARP  
EVAN



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Evans 8 1921



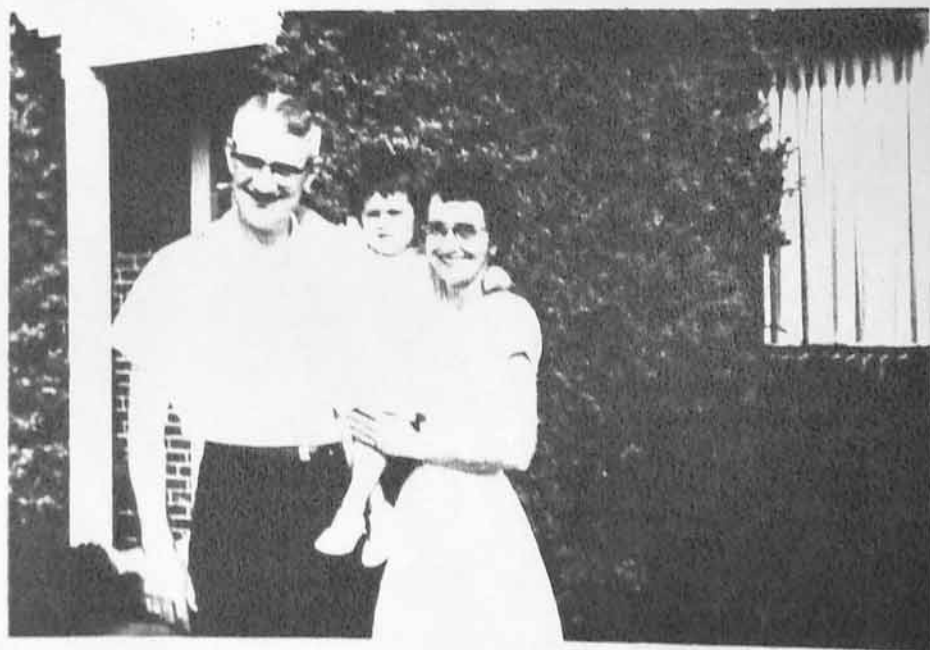


(Eunice, Li) Elise (Paul, Kittie) (Dorothy, Helen) Tom, Shirley



Paul & Kathleen Shurf

JAN 64



Dave Linda Lyfson 1963



Benny & Linda  
Eduardo  
Xmas 1980

David Hannah house



Shd.

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Left side of house  
Right side of house  
Old house place at Bladysport

Right Portico  
L.D. Laura  
+ 2 children  
Ada + Kiki

old home place  
at Bladysport



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Saturday  
Edray, W. Va.  
Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Mr. Luther Sharp, - Dear Friend:  
I will try to write a few lines  
in reply to your kind letter that  
I received Wednesday evening. I am  
always glad to hear from you.  
and to hear you were well.  
Willie and Pa have both been sick but  
they are better now, Pa went to  
Glover Creek this morning.  
Miss Effie Moore is right sick, the  
Doctor says she has the fever, I was  
down to see her this evening, it snow-  
ed so, they did not want me to  
come home. Flora brought me home  
on a horse. If it keeps on snowing.  
like it has been, it will soon

Letter from Laura Jane Morgan to L. B. Sharp Jan 14, 1893. They were married  
a month later on Feb. 16, 1893 at Edray Methodist Church, presumably by her father Sam.  
(Thursday) Morgan

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so deep as it was two years  
ago, it is almost too cold for  
sleighing now. I seen Mrs. Giller  
going to Marlinton in a sleigh today  
it would be dark before she would  
get home. Mr. Andy and I have not  
taken any sleigh ride yet, I don't  
think she will if he can talk it,  
it would be nice if he would come  
to take some on else sleigh riding  
and they would go with another  
fellow. I don't think I will go  
with him again, as seeing choice.  
It has been right lonesome since  
school has closed, but I am glad it  
has closed, it has been so cold this  
week, I believe we would have  
frozen in that cold school house.  
I never did see cold weather last  
so long. I have not entirely laid  
my books aside I didn't quite  
get through some of them, and

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U, may thy life be one sweet dream,  
and one bright long summer day.  
And like the winter evergreen,  
May it never fade away.

2.

Q: many thing life is one sweet dream,  
I look over them and I never

Mr. Sydenstricker was wanting Pa to send me to Hillsboro to school, he said he would board me for half price. Pa asked me if I wanted to go. I told him no, but did not say why.

I believe the people are very well  
pleased with the entertainments  
Saturday night, if they are.  
I am, Mr. Jackson was here Thurs-  
day & while I did want so bad  
to tell him what he said about  
me, but I did not have a good chance  
to tell him, he told the truth when  
he said I was ugly, I did n't care  
for that, but as for me being "proud"  
or "stuck up," it is not so.  
If I was as handsome as he is, I  
believe I would talk about other  
people being ugly, and stuck  
up. For I heard he said

You said you subscribed the school  
teacher was afraid to send me.  
He never had any occasion to send  
me, I am so good I would be afraid  
to cut up at school. Mr. Barber is  
not very strict but he makes us  
get our lessons. I was going ~~to~~  
to go all the school, I like to go  
when bid.

You need not be afraid  
that I will show your letters.  
It is something that I would  
not do. It is useless for me to  
ask you not to show my  
letters. Because I know you  
will not. I will not let  
my writing to you, except  
if I, Albert and Jack, write  
to you. Because I am in a hurry.

I remain as ever your  
friend. Laura M. Angell.

Edw. P. Co. H. V.  
Oct 24th - 92

Oct 24th - 92

Dr. Luther Sharp

And Friend will -

endeavor to write you a few lines  
in answer to your kind letter, I  
received some time ago, I would

have written some but was very busy, and I thought perhaps you should come over to the meeting. The meeting commenced yesterday. There was very good meeting every night, ~~there was~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ meeting every night except Saturday night. The meeting will last over Sunday, come over before it closes. It is such nice weather for meeting now.

13 of I (Saura) am able I want to go to see  
her again some time. it is a long  
way to go. I would love to go to  
see Aunt Sallie while she is living.  
(Saura's many Whang Wane)  
Genevieve is better than she was.  
she can walk over here and back  
she still has a girl staying with  
her. Ada had all her layers feather  
pilled three weeks ago. she has  
had an awful time of it. she  
has an abscess on her gums she  
has lanced the place and has a  
poultice on it and the dr. wanted  
her to go in town and have  
any of the day made up of it but  
she said she was not able  
she has had an awful bad  
cold too. she could not get  
any one to stay with her. They got  
a woman to stay a few hours  
one day. The aunt had been in  
the hospital and was much sick  
and his sister husband had  
Pneumonia so none of his people  
could help them any.

Saura wrote to her brother Will - Before 1928 or 1929



4 ~~Frank~~ who married ~~Frank~~  
3 ~~Frank~~ has not been well and  
his mind is bad. They took him  
last week to Poncaville & the hospital  
and he came back and they say  
he is no better. he is at home.  
it is a pity for him. They have 8  
children, and they want every thing  
that is going. They want sick on  
all the children. They want the best  
that is going but never think of the  
pay. Virgie was over 5 day and  
helped clean up the stove. Joe  
is getting real frail he patters  
around. he can hardly hear.  
they are cutting timber up on the  
Jim Jackson place and have a  
saw mill close Harry Sheltons  
they have a camp there and Ella  
Gibson Coake there. I want to  
send Ruby something for her  
Birthday. I will send Edith a hand  
kerchief if I can send it in my  
letter. write me when you can  
love to you all from Laura Sharp  
written to her brother W. C. Morgan

No mention of Violet (born 3-15-1887)  
to Ada perhaps about 2 years ago  
(Ada born 2-21-1894) to little sister about 1896

Willy is still working  
for Mr. Pat Henry.  
Willie has not been over  
to see his girl for a few  
days, but I think  
he will go soon.  
(We had right dry  
weather until the 10th  
day it rained and has  
been raining some  
ever since. The onions  
are beginning to come up  
somehow. I planted a  
few Jerusalem cherry flowers  
last week and they are  
coming up some now.  
I washed some today.  
Well what is Ada doing  
Loyanto see her very  
bad. I suspect her

his her for my kind  
don't whip her at all.  
Mr. Harry Harrison and  
wife are going along now  
they have been to Mr.  
William Harrison to  
a log rolling. He has been  
cleaning off his own  
ground today and is  
too tired to write this  
time. Well I will close  
my interesting letter  
for this time by  
asking you to write  
soon.

Yours your sister  
Hirara Morgan

Letter from Nina to her sister Laura May  
(Morgan)

Letter to Ivan by his mother, Laura

March 2

(1921 ?)

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Dear Ivan:

March 2

(Given in Budhammon ?)

(page 1)

I received your letter and card both last night. I should have gotten of course I could do up your clothes, but the letter they might get mashed up getting to the railroad. You know they have to be carried horseback to Cloverlick and some times the mail gets wet. It is raining tonight. I came over to the store and stayed over tonight. There is some snow on the north side.

(page 2) I heard today that Cad Gilmore was arrested at Spruce for bootlegging whiskey. They were making it at Cheat Bridge and he was ..... it on the train and selling \$500 or that's what I heard. ed one other man and Gilmore was fined \$500 or that's what I heard. Coyner was not drunk but John (Slanker?) and Resa (Higgins?) were drunk. Hattie (McClung) said she would not have minded(?) if if John or Alfred (Higgins) had hurt him. But to have to carry a (scar ?) made by (with a stone stick) Resa was the limit. Resa had on her fine dress and she sat

(page 3) ~~gone~~ in the cabbage that she had for supper. People talk awful about John and Resa. Bill (who? <sup>HOOPER OR GIBSON</sup>) and Sam (Higgins?) moved the wool out of the Curtis house today so I suppose they will move.... Nannie (Higgins?) is as hot as a fox. She sent Sam over for a big box to put the things in and I was in a minute and she had three boxes in the floor. She said over there this morning she washed those little darned (horses or houses) were all burned up. I am afraid she is mean enough to burn them if she had her things out of there. She has no where to go only -(Page 4)--if where they came from. And she says she is not going there. Papa (LD) and I got an invitation to the inaugural ball at Charleston, but I don't expect we will go. ha, ha. The boys have their fishing tackle and fishing catalog. I am glad you got the "Times". Papa was around the hill and cut a lot of grafts to graft some apples in the spring. Papa wrote out a notice to take to Uncle Hugh about not selling apples on Sunday. Uncle Hugh sells honey and apples to the Bohunks They could come any day, they are so close by.

The following on different paper, but apparently to Ivan, maybe mailed at the same time --?? Pages 1, 2, 3 + 4, (or 5, 6, 7 + 8)

① March 3, 1921 Well I have come over to the new house. It rained and the creek is full Sam & Bill have gone to the commissary(?) The stores have come (?) and I suppose they will have lots of ..... <sup>Green & Green (husband)</sup> there now... (teacher) Delphie has sent her draft by Cecil to Cass to have it cashed, and he has sent men <sup>Phobes</sup> paying for her board and ..... she has ..... Nannie went (staggering?) out to the barn this morning where Sam was. I guess she thought Hattie might go out to see (page 2) him. Hattie never looked at him. Papa said Nannie would not speak to him this morning. .... The girls asked Papa about (stamp?) and he told them to go out to the house to get them... (stamps?) I reckon Nan would not let them go over. She just acts like a mad bull all the time she is a (raiding?) about a lamb of hers. Papa said he was keeping her sheep for nothing and paying Sam and Bill for looking after her sheep as well as his own. She is so mad about Luther's ma.... moving down. (page 3) Mrs. Tracy is real poorly I heard they did not expect her to live anytime. She is a good woman and (told) not to be afraid to die. Matilda Hoover is home now. Mrs. Hoover has a very bad cold. I am sending Creola a couple waists. She wants Violet to select her some clothes at Baltimore. Ada was a little better, but real poorly when she wrote. Her ..... cost nearly \$4 each. (page 4) ④ Well I have written all I know to write I will not get to write so often when the spring work comes on. Papa wants me to go to attend the store so he can sew grass seed over here. There is not many cutting tim-ber now but the Bohunks. Well I will have to close for this time. with love, Mama.

(Letter written from 5 or 6 miles cooked) (dams Nannie Higgins lived in Curtis house for some time)



Ward

See typed sheet #46

Peter Van  
 I typed  
 with and early both  
~~of my father's and mother's~~  
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 did not. of course I  
 could do up my clothes  
 but they probably got  
 washed up, yellowed  
 the Red. you know they  
 have to be carried from  
 back to Cape  
 and we know we can  
 get wet. It is raining  
 by night & Cape may, &  
 the shore and inland are  
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down to the gathering  
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 the wood out of the country  
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 moving the things there  
 little of the boxes were  
 all broken up. I am  
 afraid to go in person  
 to get to learn the  
 the road but they have  
 of there. She has  
 no more of it.

I heard to day that Dad  
 did more road projects at  
 Appled for brother  
 when they were making  
 that Chest Bridge  
 he was in a lot of  
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 spread we heard they  
 adopted one other man  
 and Gilman was found  
 working on that  
 I heard Cyngver was  
 not drunk but just  
 and these were only  
 Walter and who would  
 not have responded  
 at my address  
 but by the way  
 to carry a secret matter  
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 Papa had a car  
 dress and

and where they gain from  
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 getting there. Papa and I  
 got on more than  
 they and a lot of  
 Charleston but I don't  
 know we will go to the  
 the boys have it there  
 has fought and they  
 but also we I am glad  
 got the time  
 Papa was around the  
 still and I got a lot  
 of letters to go off  
 some letters in the spring  
 Papa wrote only a word  
 but he is not the  
 about it and I am  
 on my way. not off  
 sells hanging and off  
 to the Bank. The  
 for any other thing we see

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Then leave them

- as they are typed up on page (45)

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not for work,"  
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# Man Celebrates 88th Anniversary

SLATY FORK (RNS) — "Just keep on — keeping on" is to what I attribute my 88 years," said Luther David Sharp on his 88th birthday anniversary Friday.

"Yes sir, activity is the thing that keeps us young. We would die in a short time if it were not for work," Sharp stated.

Sharp was born June 10, 1872, the son of Silas and Sara Hannah Sharp of Slaty Fork. He was educated in the schools of Pocahontas County. As a child, Sharp said he could remember that they always had three changes in the menu for breakfast, they had meat and bread; for dinner, bread and meat; and for supper they had both of them with lots of dried apples for sauce and pies.

"The world has certainly bloomed out in flower since I was a boy," Sharp said. "I can remember when there was no buggy or no automobile. When a family bought the first lamp and around here, a daughter in the family slipped it out and brought it to our house and asked us to hide it because she was afraid it would blow up and kill their whole family. All the cooking had to be done over an open fire place."

"My father was a farmer who liked to hunt and fish. I have always liked to hunt and fish, and have gotten a deer each year of my life up until two years ago," Sharp reminisced, "guess I am getting too old."

When Sharp was 15 years old he went into the store business at Slaty Fork on the old railroad. After the building of the new road, he built his present store in 1917. For 70 years he has been in the general store business. At the present time his oldest son, Luther David Sharp Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio, owns the store and Mrs. Henry Gibson manages it for him.

Sharp married the former Miss Laura Jane Morgan and they were the parents of five living children, L. D. Sharp Jr. Ivan of Nitro; Paul of Port Netches, the



LUTHER DAVID SHARP

Texas, Silas S. Sharp, at home; and Mrs. Violet Markland of Richmond, Va. After the death of his first wife, several years ago, Sharp married the former Miss Mabel Hansford of Marlinton.



the above say "Advertised" giving date of list.

A. S. OVERHOLT, P. M.

## Farm For Sale.

About 385 acres, fine grazing, farming and fruit land. Some timber and an excellent orchard of improved trees. This land is so situated that there has never been a fruit failure. Good house, two barns, well watered, in good community. About five miles from depot, most of the distance being Macadam road. Address, Times Office, Marlinton, W. Va.

FOR SALE:—A small grist mill known as Griffin mill on Big Spring of Elk. Good water power all the year round. About 1 1-2 acres of land, with small dwelling. For further particulars apply to S. C. Galford, Slaty Fork, W. Va.

## Notice to Confederates.

The meeting of Moffett Page Camp of Confederate Veterans is called to meet at the Times Office in Marlinton on Saturday, April 9 for the purpose of electing officers, appointing delegates to the Reunion at Mobile, and transacting any other business that may come before the Camp. A good attendance is desired.

LEVI WAUGH, Commander.  
E. D. KING, Adjutant.

## Contractors Wanted.

We will let to contract the cutting of twenty thousand cords of pulp wood this season. As big a contract as you can handle can be secured. Apply at once to WILLIAMS & PARIS, 1st National Bank Building, Marlinton, W. Va.

Ed. White from Fla. 1925

# Pocahontas

3-26-1925

MARLINTON, POCAHONTAS COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA

\$1.00 A Year

Jan 1, 1914 YELK

Mrs. Carrie H. Dilley, of Dilley's Mill, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Birdie O. Dilley, the past two months, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuire's little boy continues to improve.

Charles Galford has gone to Marlinton where he has opened a jewelry repair shop.

The directors of the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Company met Saturday. The officers are L. D. Sharp, president; S. Mc Dilley, vice-president and general manager; J. D. Gibson, secretary and treasurer. The most important business transacted was the cutting out of free phones after January 1; the extending of the short line wire down Elk wherever the extension of the company's business justifies it; the cooperation of the different mutual companies entering the Marlinton switchboard will be asked in order to install two phones, one in the C. & O. station and the other in the freight office.

The W. Va. Pulp & Paper Co. have scheduled a daily passenger, (Sundays excepted) from Cass to the commissary near Slaty Fork, beginning January 1. The train will leave Cass in early morning, returning in time to connect at noon with the up C. & O. train. This will be the main line to Webster Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibson were Marlinton visitors, Friday.

James Gibson got tired of skinning his shins handling backlogs and foresticks and has now installed steam heat in his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Loan are spending the holidays at Millboro, Virginia.

Bina Moss and Earl Gibson are visiting at Howardsville, Va.

Joe Buzzard was on Elk this week contracting for lambs for next fall.

Married, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. C. H. Anderson, December 25, 1913, Clarence Blakeslee and Miss Glenna Sharp. The bride is the eldest daughter of John Blakeslee and a very promising lady.

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**FROM FLORIDA**  
We have taken our east coast tour, and on arrival back to our home in Orlando, will give you a part of our experience. The first day we went through Cocoa City, Indian River City and several small towns and reached Melbourne City at about the right time to pitch our tent. We were directed to the tourist camp and found it to be the best camp we have seen on the east coast. And as my son and I are fond of fishing we enquired where we could go fishing that night and were told that the best place to fish in all the country was off the Indian River bridge. The bridge is two miles long. We got flashlights, hooks and lines and pulled out for the fish market to get shrimp for bait and found that they did not have any, so we went to the grocery and bought some meat rind. When we got to the bridge and were telling the fishermen about our bad luck in not being able to get shrimp. They said "you did not need any bait, we are all fishing with a small piece of white rag." I thought they were kidding me, but soon saw that they were actually catching them thick and fast with the white rag and hook. One man had a small piece of oil cloth on his hook and they used it just as we use an artificial fly in West Virginia. We had heavy sinkers on our lines and continued to fish with the meat rind until my son caught a trout, and took one of its gills and in a short time we caught all we could eat for breakfast. I never saw so many fish caught in so short a time in all my life. Some had fifty or more nice trout, and there must have been 200 people fishing and all were catching fish. One man told me that he had caught 700 trout the night before on a hook that was run through a piece of his white handkerchief. Ask Dick Smith if he can beat that man's fish story.

The next day we pulled straight ahead for Palm Beach and we reached the ocean in time to go out on the great long pier and catch a mess of fish for breakfast. Then we drove around among the beautiful palm trees and flowers and looked at all beautiful scenery on Palm Beach. Then we drove over to West Palm Beach to the tourist's camp, and instead of finding the camp among the fine coconut and palm trees we found it located where there were but few shade trees, and the tourists were not very well pleased with the camp, but we made it all right.

The next day we drove down to Hollywood and pitched our tent to camp over Sunday. This city has been building only four years and

in bathing. We drove out to Coral Gables where so many rich men are spending their money in lots and fine buildings. It is no place for a poor man. Miami is getting pretty well up with Chicago for crime. We found some tourists who were afraid to go to Miami on account of so much robbing and so many murders in the last year. That was one reason why Sharp camped outside of Miami.

We took another shoot out from Miami and went down the east coast as far as the road is cut out. The first city of any size below Miami was Homestead. We went on below Florida City along way down until we found no more road. There is a vast rich country and there are thousands of acres of tomatoes, and as the old saying is "I never saw tomatoes before." I did not see anybody but negroes living between these cities, and the negroes had many boxes of tomatoes along the road to sell to tourists. We bought the finest tomatoes I ever saw for two cents per pound; that was all they asked for them. There are many tomato packing houses and the packers no doubt are buying tomatoes from the negroes for a song and they are shipping them up north and making a fortune on them.

Florida is not considered much for corn, but I never saw better corn grow any place than in one section down near the jumping off place. The corn looked to be much higher than a man's head—probably ten or twelve feet high—and such a dark green color that the land must be very rich.

We went out to a Seminole Indian village. There were about fifty Indians there. Some of them work in the packing house. We parked our car by the roadside and walked out to the Indian camps among the jungles, and when I saw the Indians sitting flat on the ground in squads and looking so strange at us, it very near got my nerve. I tried to get them to talk, but they would only say yes and no. They were cooking out on the ground and we could tell the meat they were cooking was more than ripe—anyway we did not stay for dinner. The children about six years old and under had no clothes on. The Indians were all barefooted but the older ones had on clothes of many colors. While we were at this village a very large swarm of bees passed over us and looked as if they were going to settle on a pine tree, but they slowly moved on. I suppose the Indians have plenty of honey to eat. It looks bad that our government does not educate the Seminoles. I am told they are getting fewer all the time.

The State is building a new road



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that short time. They are now making artificial lakes. They think the northern people like lakes, so they are spending many thousands of dollars making them. The main street must be over 100 feet wide and the city runs out to the ocean front. In a few years Hollywood will be one of the big cities on the map.

As it is only eighteen miles to Miami, we decided to run down to be in William Jennings Bryan's Sunday school class. We were told that he teaches the largest men's class in the United States—5000 men. He teaches his class out in the Miami Park. But owing to being held back by the traffic we did not get to the park until he had closed, we thought we would go to the first church we could find for preaching, which was a Presbyterian church. After preaching I was told that Mr. Bryan and his wife were in the congregation, so I hunted him up and had a short talk with him on prohibition, and while we differ in politics, we are together on prohibition. Mrs. Bryan has to be wheeled about in a chair. She is unable to raise her hands. Mr. Bryan said she was not paralyzed but it was worse than being paralyzed as she suffered such great pain. She has been helpless for six years. They live in a fine mansion in Miami but of course Mrs. Bryan cannot enjoy it, so the poorest person with good health has the greatest blessing. Let us be thankful for our health while we have it.

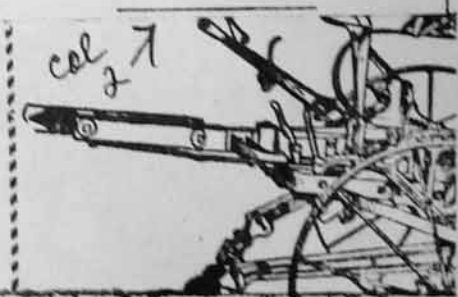
Sunday afternoon we drove a distance of probably five miles across bridge to the Miami Beach. We could hardly get there and we could hardly get back. There were many thousands of cars going over and coming back and we would hardly get started until the city cop would stop the long double line of cars. We must have been one hour going that five miles to the beach. It looked to me like there were 100,000 people on the beach and there were thousands

and while we were driving after tea to make up lost time, at about ten o'clock as we were driving through a jungle section we saw three alligators cross the road in front of us. About an hour later while we were a long way from any town, three men were standing by the road; one of them stepped out in the road and waved us to stop and kept on waving—we could see him from the light of the car. Not a word was spoken to our car, but my son had presence of mind and threw on all the gas he could. We were going at about 25 miles an hour, and we must have passed by them at 35 miles or more per hour. We don't know what their business was; they had no broken down car there, and as there had been so many people held up and robbed around Miami, I believe they were robbers, but they had no way to stop us unless they killed the driver, and we went so fast that it would have taken a Jesse James to have gotten him.

We drove on our tour down and back to Orlando about eight hundred miles. We found everything all right in our bungalow, and we are renting our property and getting ready to to start back to West Virginia in a few days. We are getting anxious to see our old friends. James White wrote us he would stop to see us on his way home but I suppose he lost directions and could not find us. We hope he reached home safely.

We expect to stop off with our daughter at Richmond for one day and will run over to Baltimore, and make a short call at Washington, probably one day, then we will proceed homeward. The tourists are going north very fast—so much so that you can't get a Pullman without engaging it a few weeks ahead.

L. D. Sharp.



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WARM SPRINGS, VA.

Quite a number of our town people attended the Sunday school convention which was held at Millboro last Tuesday and Wednesday. They report a large crowd and an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Walter Ricks of Covington visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. LaRue, the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gum and little son John E., spent last Sunday with Mrs. Gum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rimel.

W. J. Pritchard of Frost, spent a week with his family here and returned to Frost last Wednesday.

Miss Willie Vines spent last Wednesday night with her friend Miss Annie Lupton Campbell.

Sam Mann of Augusta county, was the guest of friends here last week.

Mrs. D. B. Agner and grandson William Snider returned from several days visit to Mrs. Agner's daughter, Mrs. Allison, who lives in Covington.

Howard Campbell returned Saturday from Dayton where he attended school the past winter.

SLATY FORK

Very dry now and rain much needed.

W. T. Morgan has gotten an automobile.

L. D. Sharp and Miss Mariam Morgan were in Marlinton Friday night.

Miss Gladys Baughman is visiting her grandfather, Shell Hannah Sam Moore passed through this part last week.

Miss Violet Sharp has returned home from Marlinton where she had been attending High School.

Miss Elizabeth Roads, of Ohio, who taught in the Marlinton High School the past winter, is spending a few days at L. D. Sharp's.

Rev. Mr. Coffman preached to a large congregation last Sunday afternoon.

The railroad is being pushed on down the river. They are running trains both day and night.

Shearing sheep is the order of the day here.

Miss Ada Sharp is expected home the first of June from Boston, Mass., where she has been attending Conservatory.

LOBELIA

Weather fine; hot days, cool nights and is getting very dry. Corn is coming up well.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure

The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar NO ALUM, NO LIME PHOSPHATE

Notice, Contractors

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS IN CONSTRUCTION OF 258 RODS OF ROAD IN THE HUNTERSVILLE DISTRICT

Bids will be received by the County Court until noon, June 23rd, 1914, for construction of 258 rods of road in Huntersville district, near J. H. Buzzard's being a relocation of the Hill road in the direction of Brown's Creek located by J. H. Kramer, said road to be 14 feet wide, and to be built according to specifications in lands of Hevener Dilley, Road Superintendent and approved by him. One-half in length of said road to be built in the present year, and completed by Dec. 1st, 1914, the remaining half in the following year, 1915. This arrangement to permit of the financing of this road without unduly burdening the road fund of the Huntersville district.

(C. J. McCARTY, Clerk.)

Commissioner's Notice

Pursuant to a decree entered by the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia at the April term of said Court in the Chancery cause of Charles Eriel vs Ira Shinnberry. Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that as required by the said decree, I will proceed at my office in the town of Marlinton, West Virginia on Tuesday the 14th day of July 1914 to take state and report to the Court the following matters of account, to-wit:

First. A complete statement showing the liens and their priorities against the lands of the defendant.

Second. What lands the defendant owns in this Jurisdiction and a description of the same.

Third. Whether the said real estate will in five years rent for a sum sufficient to pay off and discharge the liens thereon.

Fourth. Any other matter deemed pertinent by the commissioner or required by any party in interest.

(S. H. SHARP, Commissioner in Chancery.)

NOTICE TO LIEN HOLDERS

To all persons holding liens by judgment or otherwise on the real estate or any part thereof of Ira Shinnberry.

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK

To the Voters of Pocahontas county I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Clerk of Pocahontas county and promise if elected to serve the people of this county to the best of my skill and judgment. As you know I have had many years experience in this work and I would be glad to take it up again.  
Respectfully,  
S. L. BROWN.

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK

To the voters of Pocahontas County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for the office of Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in nominating candidates.  
As I am engaged in school work now and will be for some time, it will not be possible for me to see all the voters of the county, so I shall ask you through the columns of this paper for your support and influence.  
C. FORREST HULL.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic Party.  
Geo. D. Oliver.  
Cass, W. Va., Feb. 23, 1914

We are authorized to announce M. Lacy Johnston as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COMMISSIONER

We are authorized to announce J. S. McNeel as a candidate for Commissioner of the County Court, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To the Voters of Pocahontas County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Schools of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic Party's way of nominating. I promise, if nominated and elected, to serve the people to the best of my ability.

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 J. E. Buckley,  
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Co. vs Dorsey Freeman judgment  
 \$308.59.  
 State vs Pete Snyder, forfeiture on  
 bail bond.  
 Bank of Marlinton vs R. R. Snede-  
 gar and others, judgment \$1698.81.  
 State vs Lee Vint, not guilty.  
 State vs John Milam, guilty, sen-  
 tence two years in pen.  
 Pistol license granted Paris D  
 Yeager and Park McNeill.  
 State vs Roy Houchlin, verdict  
 guilty of murder in second degree.  
 State vs Ira Vandevender, confess-  
 ed, \$300 fine six months in jail.  
 State vs Mitus Robconic, guilty,  
 two years in pen.  
 State vs John Rose, guilty, \$150  
 and costs  
 State vs E. D. Burner, \$50 and six  
 months in jail, charge carrying a  
 pistol. Bail pending application for  
 writ of error.  
 State vs J. W. Shulst, guilty, \$100  
 fine sixty days in jail.  
 State vs C. P. Hamrick, No. 1 & 2  
 quashed.  
 State vs C. P. Hamrick, not guilty

inferred from the evidence in this  
 case that you brothers had been en-  
 gaged in making moonshine liquor  
 and that on the night preceding the  
 murder of George Huffman you had  
 a part of your whiskey stolen and we  
 may gather from the evidence that  
 you accused George Huffman and  
 another of having taken your whis-  
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 yet even this being true it gave you  
 no license to commit murder. The  
 penalty in this case is severe, yet it  
 is only commensurate with the crime  
 that has been committed. I doubt  
 not that the criminal annals of this  
 county does not show a more delib-  
 erate killing as has been narrated by  
 the witnesses in this case as a lesson  
 "This certainly should be a lesson  
 to others who may be engaged in the  
 business of moonshine whiskey  
 that the day of settlement will final-  
 ly come, and should be enough to  
 turn all those similarly engaged, to  
 the paths of lawful pursuits."—  
 West Virginia News.

### THORNY CREEK

Quite an excitement was created  
 in this section last Friday when an  
 insane man was taken into custody  
 by John Perry, W. F. Harmon and  
 Summers Hoover. He gave his name  
 as Walter L. Carnex and said he

N. B. Arbogast  
 W. Goodsell's over Sunday.  
 Wm Widney, superintendent of  
 the Pocahontas Tanning Company,  
 is making some changes in the tan-  
 nery.

12-13-1922  
 Slatyfork  
 Grass is growing fine and it looks  
 like summer was not far off.

We are expecting Professor J. H.  
 Hall, one of the world's best music  
 teachers, to teach singing school for  
 us this summer. Everyone near  
 should take advantage of this great  
 opportunity to study music.

L. D. Sharp has been working hard  
 getting up petitions to re-establish a  
 mail route from Slatyfork to Edray.  
 Many years ago the people of Elk  
 had daily mail, but now have no  
 mail at all for a distance of twelve  
 miles. Well to do farmers and heavy  
 taxpayers live here, and during the  
 war were heavy subscribers of Gov-  
 ernment bonds and War Saving  
 Stamps, and yet they have been de-  
 nied any mail service, we hope that  
 this very important route will soon  
 be established. Let us pull together.  
 There is but one road from the main  
 road down to the Slatyfork office.  
 The mail has been carried several  
 years from Linwood to Slatyfork.

Our Sunday School is progressing  
 nicely. We think the Sunday school  
 should not close for the winter.  
 Since we have had a few years of  
 evergreen Sunday School we find it  
 the thing. Our attendance has been  
 good all winter and last Sunday the  
 house was full, with not a vacant  
 seat left.

There has been a lot of moonshin-  
 ing going on on Elk. Some men are  
 too lazy to work and so they make  
 the stuff to rob men of their money,  
 minds and health. The moonshener  
 must quit his dishonest business or  
 soon be rounded up.

son. In the Chicago Daily News.  
 Slatyfork  
 Charley Craddock, Engineer on the  
 G. C. & E. Ry., was painfully injured  
 by being hit across the stomach by a  
 log while working on a wreck. He  
 lay while working on a wreck. He  
 was taken to the hospital at Ronco-  
 verte, where he is getting along nicely.  
 Russell Dilley has sold his Ford  
 car and purchased a new Maxwell.

Miss Creola Sharp, who is attend-  
 ing high school at Marlinton, spent  
 Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr.  
 and Mrs. L. D. Sharp.

Our school is progressing nicely  
 with Glen Barlow as teacher.

Oliver Painter, Lee Burner and  
 Russell Dilley are building a garage  
 in partnership.

Mrs. G. Craddock, who is in the hospi-  
 tal with her husband, Charlie  
 Craddock, who is in the hospital.

Earl and Irene Bryant, who are at-  
 tending high school at Marlinton,  
 spent Thanksgiving with their par-  
 ents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bryant.

Senator Hefflin (Dem., Ala.) made  
 this prophetic declaration in a tell-  
 ing speech against the whitewash-  
 ing of Senator Newberry:

"The way Senators voted on a  
 question like this resulted in the re-  
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I am herewith enclosing you a few  
 lines suggested to me by a conversa-  
 tion I heard on one of our streets last  
 Sunday afternoon between a minister  
 of the Gospel and a couple of our lo-  
 cal attorneys. J. M. MEADOR.  
 Hinton, W. Va.

What boots it if,  
 Within the pulsing womb of time,  
 A thousand thousand years  
 Man passed from stage to stage;  
 Or if, at God's command,  
 With single bound  
 He leaped from Mother Earth  
 A Man?  
 To Him who gave us life  
 A thousand years is as a single day.  
 His handiwork shows purpose and de-  
 sign.  
 I question not His wisdom, mode or  
 plan;  
 Nor hath the Record said  
 He breathed in him the Breath of  
 Life  
 And Man became a Living Soul,  
 Before he was a Man!

Science hath not shown  
 The Sun to change his course  
 In all the years;  
 Nor whence Orion's bands.  
 Polaris guided mariners of old,  
 And points the North today.  
 The Pleiades we view with raptured  
 gaze,  
 The Shepherds saw and Poets sang  
 On old Judea's hills.  
 The fragrance of the Rose,  
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# THE POCAHONTAS TIMES

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CALVIN W. PRICE, Editor.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1926

Hearken unto the battle of Duncan's Lane. The story of that battle has never been printed before. It is ignored by all histories of the war. Until late years it was not a subject of frank and open discussion by the people of this county. Time cures all things. There are still living a number of men who participated in that fight, and I have talked with men on both sides recently and after so long a time this historic event which had been so nebulous came out clear and distinct and I will endeavor to state the case.

At the West Union school house at the foot of the mountain, on the road that leads to the Williams River country, in 1864, lived Henry Duncan, in a double log house on the headwaters of Stony Creek. The house was opposite the mouth of a draw or hollow leading off at right angles toward the south, and up that hollow lived William Beverage about a quarter of a mile distant. A passway was used up that hollow to reach the Griffin place, and the homes of people living on Days Mountain, and on over to the headwaters of Dry Run, a branch of Swazo Creek. Part of the passway between the Duncan place and the Beverage place was fenced on both sides in 1864 as a lane. It was this lane that gave the name to the battle.

The State was formed in 1863, and in the early part of 1864 a regiment of state guards was formed at Buckhannon, and of this regiment Pocahontas county furnished one company, captained at times by Captain Sam Young, a minister, and later by Captain I. W. Allen. Captain Young preached at the sulphur spring on Stony Creek, (Ellis Sharp's) on May 2, 1864, and made an appointment to preach there again in forty years after. A great concourse of people gathered there in 1894 to keep the appointment, but the captain was

the northern soldiers. Upon a council of war it was decided to take to the mountain and make a detour in the direction of Williams River in such a way that cavalry could not follow them. They realized that they were a small company of men in a country that was hostile to them, and that they might be killed by an ambushed force at any minute.

It turned out afterwards that the soldier at the bridge was not a sentinel, but was a deserter who was making his getaway to Buckhannon, where they saw him a short time after.

The little army turned up Price Run and from there climbed Bucks Mountain through the grass lands until they reached the fringe of trees near the top, and there they took some cold food from their haversacks and lay down to sleep without any fire whatever.

They were stirring before daylight and marched to the head of Dry Run and called at the house of Peter Beverage, a Union man, and there got something to eat, and then proceeded by the way of the Griffin Place, to William Beverage's place. Williams Beverage was a brother of Peter Beverage, but was a Confederate in sympathy, but was a non combatant.

Here there were bees, and the little army, feeling safe from possible pursuit, commandeered a bee gum or hive full of honey. It was the first week of November and the hive was heavy with honey. The soldiers made the farmer give them buckets and they proceeded to fill the buckets with honey, preparing for a mid-day feed.

In the meantime, the Confederates had been laying plans to capture the Union soldiers sent here in such a small force to beard the lion in his den. Captain J. C. Gay, holding a commission as captain under the Confederacy, with authority to guard the border was the ranking officer in this emergency, he augmented his force by summoning to his headquarters at his home at the mouth of Stony Creek, all southern soldiers who were at home on furloughs, and his command was made up of about half scouts and half soldiers on furlough.

Godfrey Gelger says that he and his brother Adam Gelger were called

John Armstrong, Moffett Walton, John E. Adkison, William Kinnison, James L. Rodgers, received serious wounds. Moffett Sharp, shot in the mouth.

J. R. Moore, who was under fire from the first, says that no one was hit at the first fire, that is the firing that occurred while the Union soldiers were getting the honey for lunch in William Beverage's yard. I think this is correct. I think Benjamin Sharp was hit in the hips with a mountain rifle ball while he stood behind a tree, returning the fire of the Confederates. He was a fine, tall slim young man, and his untimely death was greatly regretted.

The wounded soldiers were taken to a cave near James McClure's, under the shadow of Red Knob, and concealed, and they were treated with great kindness and consideration by the McClure family.

There was no one hit on the Confederate side. The Confederates turned back at Henry Duncan's and they took from his farm a bee gum and bees which they carried to William Beverage to replace the one that he had lost to the Union army. There seems to have been no cause for this other than Duncan was for the Union, and Beverage was for the Confederacy.

I have talked with Register Moore and Peter McCarty, soldiers of the Union, on one side, and Godfrey Gelger, soldier on the Confederate side. Godfrey Gelger was in some of the biggest fighting of the war. George McCollam was eight years old and he has a vivid recollection of the soldiers returning from the battlefield, shouting and victorious. He was at his Aunt Ruth Kee's on Bucks Mountain; George M. Kee, a wounded Confederate soldier being at home.

It is probably impossible for complete lists of the soldiers to be obtained at this late day and time, and the names here given are those furnished by survivors of the affair.

Union soldiers: Captain Samuel Young, Captain I. W. Allen, Lieut. Wm. Kinnison, Corporal John Armstrong, William Hannah, William Gay, George Cochran, Clark Dilley of Ewings Battery, Jeremy Dilley, Sheldon Hannah, Clark Kellison, Newton Wanless, Moffett Wanless, James L.

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Death of Benjamin Sharp (North)

The seems measur for ser and b April organ ger ze May, Army c, Virginia, lars stationed in the m were called, were on th port to Gen. Hunter a a movement against Ly ginia, and from that the war at Appomatox, West Virginia, fought side of the mountain, ception of a detour on a Salem to Martinsbur Lewisburg and Cha June 29, 1864, to July policy of West Virgin year of the war was gi state guards, and I have not been given their courage and fide ency. In peace they see forgotten, and their ignored. They have n as well as Confederat most of the souther taken very good cari southern veterans. The home guard m

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The dauntless Averell and his mounted infantry, like a thorn in the flesh and a rankling fire to the Confederates, had conquered and subdued West Virginia for the Union. He was ignominiously discharged in September 1864. The county of Pocahontas in the fall of 1864 was controlled by the Confederacy. It was determined however by the West Virginia authorities to hold an election for President in this county, and arrangements were made to open the polls at Edray. And the Pocahontas county state guards company was detailed to bring that election off. They marched on foot from Beverly to Edray, a distance of fifty-four miles, coming in by the way of Elk River, and arriving a day or two before election. It was recognized that it was a dangerous expedition, sending one company into Pocahontas county.

The company camped near the headwaters of Elk on the way in, and one of the soldiers, Washington Neff, obtained leave of absence to visit his wife who was stopping at William Gibson's. Here he was captured by a squad belonging to Captain J. C. Gay's company of Confederate scouts, and was taken as a prisoner to the headquarters of that company, at the farm of Samuel Gay just above the mouth of Stony Creek. That night in attempting to escape, Neff was shot and killed. The prisoner had laid out Private Bennett with a stone and had been shot as he fled near the ford in Stony Creek.

This word had reached the company at Edray. Captain Sam Young was in command. Capt. I. W. Allen was there too. Nearly every member of the company was a Pocahontas man. Already apprehensive of the danger of being in the heart of a Confederate county, the death of Neff must have impressed them with the dangers of their position. The polls were opened under the oaks standing in front of the William Sharp house, near the big spring. The soldiers all voted irrespective of age and a number of citizens of the vicinity, and the vote was solid for Abraham Lincoln for president.

Aaron Moore was chosen as the messenger to take the vote into the northwestern part of the State, where the existence of the government of West Virginia was recognized, and the company of soldiers prepared to act as his guard. William Hannah was one of the commissioners of election but he had the uniform of a soldier. It was decided not to attempt to return by the pike to Beverly, the road now called Seneca Trail. The return was to be made by crossing the river at Martins Bottom, by Huntersville, and the Hill country, by Dunmore and Greenbank to the Staunton and Parkersburg pike at Travelers Repose and across Cheat Mountain. The company marched four miles south to Marlinton and when they came in sight of the bridge they saw a Confederate soldier at the end of the bridge on horseback. This soldier saw the Union soldiers at the same time and whirled his horse and galloped back through the bridge. This was construed to mean that he was a picket and that he had gone to notify southern cavalry of the advance of

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As a battle it does not rank high in the national issue to be decided other than it had a direct bearing on the election of Lincoln the second time. If he had been defeated, it would have been a long farewell to the greatness of America. But it was not in the plan of Providence for him to fail.

As a part of the travail of West Virginia in her birth throes such contests as these, occurring in the border counties, are of the greatest importance.

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The two little armies having taken shelter continued to fire at each other for something like an hour and a half, and neither side making a charge, the Union soldiers gradually withdrew and made their way by little squads to the original rendezvous at Beverly taking with them the result of the election.

When it became apparent that the Union army had retired from the place, the Confederates went on down the lane, and came on Bernard Sharp, and carried him to Henry Duncan's house. It was apparent that he was near death, but they sent for a doctor and did what they could for him, but he expired in a few hours.

The Union soldiers wounded were

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## YELK

Harvesting if still the order of the day here. Some are through while others are still making hay.

The Italians have left this section of railroad and gone to Cheat River.

Page Hannah, of Staunton, is visiting his father, S. D. Hannah.

Miss Ada Sharp will go to Buckhannon to attend the Wesleyan College this winter.

Forrest Gibson and Misses Allie and Mary Gibson attended the camp meeting at Denmar Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Jackson, who has been on the sick list for sometime, is improving.

James Hannah and daughter, Miss Eula are visiting at J. E. and S. D. Hannah's.

There was preaching here Sunday by Rev. Weiford.

Henry Shearer and wife were visiting at Robert Gibson's Sunday.

Little Jimmie Hannah, whose hand was hurt in a hay fork last week, is improving very slowly.

Mrs. Kennie Dilley is improving slowly.

Mrs. Caroline Hoover and son and daughter were guests at Wm. Varner's, Sunday.

Henry Shaver and wife of M. are at G. L. Hannah's.

We understand the schools on Elk will begin the 16th of this month.

Odes Gibson and family at Elk now.

On Sunday night and Monday morning a terrible storm visited the Panhandle section of this state. At least thirty people lost their lives. The property loss is very heavy.

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have not been given due credit for  
their courage and fidelity and effi-  
ciency.



## CHARM OF A COUNTRY STORE

If you are passing through Slaty Fork in Pocahontas County, you might want to stop at the Esso Station and gas up for an excuse to have a gander at the store. It is owned by Luther David Sharp and he is trying to retain the quaint charm of an old-time grocery store. As long as he possibly can he wants it to look about the way it did when his father with the same first and second name started the store in 1925. The elderly Mr. Sharp died a couple of years ago at the age of 91. The present owner lives in Cincinnati where he is in the retail jewelry business and leaves the Slaty Fork managing to Eunice Gibson. She'll be happy to show you the store and the few mounted specimens of wild life that are there.

The senior Sharp left three other boys and a girl. They are Ivan of Nitro, Si of Slaty Fork, Paul of Port Neches, Texas, and Vi Markland of Richmond, Virginia.

"Hillbilly", Richwood, W. Va. Sept 25 1965

## CHURCH NOTES

LINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Harvey H. Orr, Pastor.  
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A telegram was received day, announcing the death of dore Moore at his home in City, Kansas, on June 10, age was about 80 years. ed was a brother of N Auldridge, of Indian Dr the late Aaron Moore, of His parents were the late



I The Children of William Sharp (1740-1833) and  
His Wife Mary Meeks

THEIR SONS

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THEIR DAUGHTERS

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James - - Married Ann Waddell, 4-28-1800

John - - " Sally McCollam 8-27-1804

\* Andrew - " Nancy Drinnan 1-18-1806

William Jr. " Elizabeth Waddell 9-29- 1798

\* No record of Andrew except  
his marriage bond and mention  
in his fathers will.

Nancy- Married Levi MOORE 1-21-97  
Mary " Arthur Grimes 1-21-97  
Rachel " Jonathen Griffin 8-12-1806  
Peggy " Francis Wilson 5-14-1811  
Rebecca " Alexander Waddell 12-25-  
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Jane " McCollam  
Margaret " Kelley

II The Children of William Sharp Jr. (1772-1860) and his  
Wife Elizabeth Waddell

Their Sons

James Sharp - Married Althea Martin

Alexander Sharp " Mary Dilley

Jacob Warwick Sharp " Elizabeth McNeel

\* William Sharp 3rd. " Rachel Dilley

\* John Sharp " Sally Johnson

Their Daughters

Mary married David Gibson  
Elizabeth " Hugh McGlaughlin  
Martha " Andrew Dilley  
Ann married Alexander Stalnaker  
Ellen " Warwick "  
Jane " James Hanson  
Rebecca " Wm. D. Moore  
Nancy " Jacob Cassell

\* Dave Sharp volunteered to write  
Family History of William 3rd

\* Charles H. Sharp volunteered to  
write Family History of John Sharp

by — "Ward Sharp"

WILLIAM SHARP SR.

1740-1833

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM SHARP SR. LEST WE FORGET.

The footprints of the name of Sharp have been indelibly imprinted on this land before the Revolution and most certainly before there was a Pocahontas County. This is a small attempt to trace some of these footprints that have traversed these lands for a period of over two hundred years. They have their beginnings in one pioneer by the name of William Sharp Sr. The underlined names show the line of descent from the pioneer to the writer. Each spouse is shown in parenthesis.

<sup>1740-1833</sup>  
William Sharp Sr. was the pioneer settler of the Huntersville vicinity and was the first to open up a permanent residence. It was located a few rods from the forks of the Dunmore and Huntersville road. Mr. Sharp located here about 1773. He saw service as a scout, spy and soldier against the Indians and the British. His affidavit made in 1832 indicates four short tours of service totaling more than two years and six months. These include an expedition against the Indians on the Muskingham River in the fall of 1764 to March 1765; service as an Indian spy during the summer of 1773 and summer of 1774; served as a scout and messenger from the summer of 1774 to December 1774; drafted early January 1781 and was in a skirmish against the British at Portsmouth, Va. where he was discharged in April 1781.

The nature of his services as an Indian spy was to guard Warwicks Fort situated on the headwaters of the Greenbrier River, to traverse the surrounding mountains and to watch the gaps and passes for Indians coming towards the settlements. Later he continued to guard the settlement forming on the Greenbrier River, reconnoitering the country between the headwaters of the Greenbrier, Tygarts Valley and Elk Rivers.

He came from Augusta County where he lived at a place then called Peverley Manor near Staunton. He was one of three children of John and Margery Sharp who were orphaned in 1750. The land records have several transactions relating to his

holdings. In 1756 he had 115 acres patented to him on both sides of the Middle River of the Shenandoah. In 1769 there was a land grant of 355 acres on the Greenbrier River, in 1787 another 320 acres on the Waters of the Greenbrier, in 1787 another 270 acres on Ewings Creek, in 1791 another 320 acres on Brown's Creek. Some of this land was used to settle his large family on. His will dated in 1826 shows ten children. (This shows three more children than are recorded in Price's History.)

His wife was Mary Meek(s) daughter of John Meek. Their children were: NANCY (Levi Moore Jr.), MARGARET(John Kelly), JOHN(Sarah McCollam), <sup>1772-1860</sup> WILLIAM(Elizabeth Waddell), RACHEL(Jonathan Griffin), MARY(Arthur Grimes), JAMES(Ann Waddell), ANDREW (Nancy Drinnen), REBECCA(Alexander Waddell Jr.), JANE(Mr. McCollam).

John Sharp who married Sarah McCollam owned tracts of land on the west side of Allegheny of 255 acres and 82 acres, also 238 acres on the head of Lewis Lick Run. The family of four girls are as follows: ELLEN(Amaziah Irvine), MARY(Josiah Friel), REBECCA(John Duffield), NANCY(William H. Irvine). This line of Sharps ends here in the county but a descendant of Mary, Ann Dillon of Columbus, Ohio is writing the Grimes family history of Pocahontas.

James Sharp was a member of the court under the old arrangement, was high sheriff and was held in high esteem for his patriotism and strict scrupulous integrity. One story about him needs to be kept alive. He was an avid hunter, not only for sport but as a matter of business. While living at his first home on Cummings Creek, he had a very sensational adventure on Buckley Mountain. One evening while returning home he was passing along when a panther suddenly mounted a log a few yards in front of him. He shot the animal, but when the smoke cleared away another stood in the same place on the log. This performance was repeated nine times when he panicked and ran home. During the night the remainder of the pack followed his trail home and killed a yearling calf. Properly reinforced, he went back to the spot where he had fired nine times and there found nine dead panthers.



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William and Elizabeth had the following family: JAMES (ALTHEA MARTIN), ELIZABETH (Hugh McLaughlin), JANE (James Hanson), WILLIAM (Rachel Dilley), MARY (David Gibson), REBECCA (William D. Moore), ANNA (Alexander Stalnecker), ELLEN (Warwick Stalnecker), MARTHA (Andrew Dilley), ALEXANDER (Mary Dilley), JACOB WARWICK (Elizabeth McNeil), JOHN (Sarah Johnson).

~~1762-1800~~ <sup>1762-1800</sup> ~~may be~~ William Sharp Jr. There is the romantic tradition that William Jr. met Elizabeth Waddell at the home of Thomas Drinnen at Edray. Thomas had organized a congregation and one of the worshippers was William Jr. who came dressed in a coon-skin cap. When the young lady returned home she made some funny remarks about the homely young man she had seen at the meeting and his furry cap. Her mother said the young chap would probably be calling around the first thing she knew. Sure enough he did come and on a busy wash day. He found the young lady resting up, performing on the spinning wheel in short petticoat, chemise and barefooted. It was love at first sight and they became engaged that very day.

This couple at once settled in the woods near Verdant Valley <sup>(near Edray)</sup> and opened up a fine estate out of a forest noted for the tremendous size of its walnut, red oak, and sugar maple trees and reared a worthy family. He is listed as one of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of the county in its formative period. This Verdant Valley, which few people know of today, was located in the area of the Fairview church and school house. The homestead of William Jr. was very visible during the mid 1900's as the farm of Jacob Sharp, the brother of Dr. Ward Sharp of Russell, Pennsylvania. *A son was William III, 1806-1882*

*near Edray*  
John Sharp who married Sarah Johnson and lived at Fairview first, then bought on Jerico Road near Marlinton had the following family: HENRY (Elizabeth Moore), HUGH (Mary Jane Waugh), WILLIAM EWING (Laury Ann Malcomb), MARY (William Frank Dilley), MARTHA JANE (James Wilfong), NANCY ANN (Noah Erving Wilfong), JAMES ALEXANDER (Eleanor Wilfong), DAVID WARWICK (Amanda Beverage), SUSAN (Amziah Irvine).

William Ewing Sharp married Laury Ann Malcomb and lived at Fairview near

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Marlinton. Their family consisted of: MARGARET MATILDA(Charles H. Dilley), PAUL WARWICK(Mary Catherine Sharp), LUTHER(Died at age 2), ROSA ARIZONA(David Early Webster), MARION MCCOY(Della Jackson), DENCY EDWARD(Gosha Underwood).

Paul Warwick Sharp married his first cousin, Mary Catherine Sharp. To them were born eleven children, including a set of twins: CHARLES JACK(Ora Belle Thompson), LANTY JAMES(Mary Vanreenen), MARLIE MATILDA(Cecil Curry), NELLIE ANN(Theodore Vanreenen), HAZEL ELIZABETH(1. Karl Elcessor, 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Russell), LAYTON EWING(Juanita Remona Tackett), PAULINE CATHERINE(1. Hubert May, 2. \_\_\_\_\_), OSCAR WARWICK(Margaret Noonan), AUSTIN MCCOY(Fula Mae Underwood), SYLVIA BELL(1. Jack Herman, 2. Robert Schultz, 3. Granville Moore), NINA JUNE(Charles Waybright).

He made his living as a carpenter and as a teamster with lumber companies in the surrounding areas. In later years he settled down to a life of farming on the Jerico Road at Marlinton. As a pastime, he played the fiddle (violin). A number of his children learned to play string music, including the banjo, guitar and the fiddle.

His apple orchards were some of the best. Sunday at his house would find many relatives and friends for dinner, which was usually followed with horse shoe pitching, games, etc.

In his later years he used to sit by the hour with friends spinning yarns of bygone years in hunting, fishing and working in the woods.

Charles Jack Sharp married Ora Belle Thompson and they became the parents of fourteen children: JACK ARNOLD(Margaret Sharp), EARL MILBURN(Mildred Kirkpatrick), LEW WARWICK(Muriel Ann Bates), DEMPSEY THOMPSON(Jeanie Walton), CHARLES HERBERT(Nona Harris), CATHERINE ELIZABETH(Andrew Robert Baechtel), CRAIG ARTHUR(Betty Shinaberry), DONALD JAMES(Mildred Underwood), TOMMY DAVID(Garnett McCoy), PATRICIA WENONA(Joseph Lamoureux), BRENDA CAROL(Marvin Doss), LOUISE KAY(Joseph Roy), LESLIE DOUGLAS(Martha Jean Horner), GLINDA CHARLOTTE(Kenneth Slagle).

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Charles Jack Sharp spent a considerable amount of time during his younger years around logging and lumber operations, since his father was a carpenter and teamster. While attending high school, he worked as a teamster in the summer and attended school in the winter. School at that time was held six months out of the year. He attended West Virginia State Teachers College at Parkersburgh, then taught for nineteen years in the rural schools of Pocahontas County. He was held in high esteem as one who could control students as well as parents in rather rough communities. Places of residences include: the old Jackson place on the Jerico Road, Woodrow, Fairview and the present home at Brownsburg.

He accepted a position with the Farm Bureau during the depression of the 1930's. In 1943 he accepted the position of manager of the Southern States Cooperative Store. After twenty years he took an early retirement due to ill health.

He was also a lover of the outdoors and of his fellow man. There are few people who ever knew him that have been on unfriendly terms. He was an ardent hunter and fisherman. He was a crack shot, winning many prizes in shooting matches. He is one of the best wild turkey and deer hunters that ever walked into the woods. His love for trout fishing will still go on if there is such a thing in the hereafter.

This information was compiled and submitted by Charles Herbert Sharp of Brigham City, Utah with the assistance of Dr. Ward Sharp of Russell, Pennsylvania; Dave Sharp of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Ann Dillon of Columbus, Ohio.)



The LUTHER DAVID SHARP Family

of Slatyfork

(Spouses in Parenthesis), "Children in quotes"

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- LUTHER DAVID "LD" SHARP, 1872-1963 (Laura Jane Morgan 1874-1932, daughter of Rev. Samuel Morgan of Edray). (His second marriage was to Mabel Mansford.) 5-20-1134
- His father was SILAS 1842-1899 (Sarah Hannah 1844-1908, daughter of David Hannah), "Melinda, Ella, Luther"--"LD".
- Silas' father: WILLIAM 1815-1888 (Rachael Dilley 1806-1882), "Silas, Hugh 1846-1923, Harman, Luther 16, Bernard, Henry, and Mary Ella 6". "Bernard and Henry died as Civil War soldiers, perhaps on different sides. Family tradition says Henry was shot at Bob Gibson's place by his own (confederate?) men as a spy for the North. Luther, 16, a civilian, was shot by Confederate Jake Simmons. Silas, also a civilian, was captured the same day and marched to a Salisbury, N. C. prison. After 23 months and 24 days he and the other remaining five alive men were exchanged."
- Silas' grandfather: WILLIAM 1772-1860, (Elisabeth Waddell), "William, James, etc."
- Silas' great grandfather: WILLIAM 1740-1833 the pioneer, (Mary Meeks), "Nancy, Margaret, Rachael, Mary, John, and William." He built the first home in Huntersville, was an Indian scout 1773, fought the British in 1781, fought the Indians in Ohio 1761, and rescued their prisoners in Ohio 1764, and a messenger to Gov. Dunmore at Fort Pitt.

*David Sharp*

"LD's" children were Ada 1894-1956, Baltimore (John Johnson, Will Curtain), "Donald, Helen, Billie, Clara, Stanley"; Violet 1897- (Rufus Markland, Richmond, Vice-President assistant, O & O.), "Rufus"; Ivan 1900-1975, Nitro, attended Wesleyan, a plant foreman, (Genevieve Orndorff, Arbovale), "Ralph, Ramona, Parkersburg, married Tom Shipley, Evan 1940-1975"; Creola 1904-1923; Si of Slatyfork, 1907- , who likes the out-of-doors and is an accomplished painter of wildlife; Paul 1910- , retired personnel director of U.S. Rubber Co. (Vonda Lowe, Katherine Milhollin) Port Neches, Texas, "Thayer 1933, Barbara 1935 married Glenn Smith"; Luther David "Dave" Sharp, Jr. 1916- , Cincinnati, Sylvia E Friel daughter of Dee and Mary Friel, Marlinton), "Linda Dee 1961, married Renny Eduardo". Dave, a Wesleyan graduate, 1939, operated the Slatyfork store, was watchmaker, and as a Certified Gemologist, American Gem Society, operated a jewelry store in Cincinnati.

" had a most unique lifetime experience--seeing the development of modern conveniences that we take for granted. He saw his first train at age 12, experienced the exciting development of automobiles, airplanes, radios, telephones, TV, electric refrigerators, medical-surgical advancements, packaged food, electric lights, and the atomic bomb. started merchandising, buying fur and farming at age 12 and became a respected businessman in Pocahontas, running a general store, farming, dealing in wool, ginseng, raising the famous white lynn honey. He was a W. Va. Apiary Inspector, the first master of Slatyfork, 1901, owned a water-powered ~~XXXXXXXX~~ gristmill, had the first phone in Pocahontas as the line entered Pocahontas from Randolph on the way to Norton 1898-1899. He owned one of the first three cars in the county, a 1914 Studebaker. was the first to import and turn loose Chinese pheasants at Slatyfork. He was a member of the Farmers and Merchant's Bank as well as the Pocahontas County Fair. shed his last deer at 89. He was asked by the American Museum of Natural History in New York to secure a Pocahontas ~~XXXXXXXX~~ wild turkey nest at hatching time. done May 1906 and the turkeys and nest are still on display. He dearly loved and directed the Slatyfork Methodist choir that was invited to many song festivals in W. Va. and Virginia. He certainly was a credit to Pocahontas County ! ed by Dave Sharp 4171 Paxton Woods Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209

Dave Sharp

Sent to be  
printed in the  
Pocahontas History  
book

SARAH HANNAH 1847-1908 Married Silas Sharp  
Compiled by Dave Sharp 12-15-80

The below lineage is taken from the "Pocahontas County History Book" by William Pirce (1830-1921) --plus family stor~~ies~~ included.

1. David Hannah (Sr.) from Ireland, married a Gibson from Augusta County.  
Wife: Elizabeth ( ? ) Practiced medicine---?
2. Joseph Hannah married Elizabeth Burnside and settled in "Old Field Fork of Elk, near "Mill Run" (Mill Run, I believe is near Marvin Hannah's place--?)
3. David Hannah married Hester Sicafoose from Crabbottom. (Virginia?) They became very religious afther their two children died-- Joe and Otha of diptheria. Especially after Otha died, recovered after a vision of heaven, telling who he saw there, etc. (Story described elsewhere from a tape recording by L. D. Sharp, and of Allie Gibson

Their children were:

1. Otha (Not in this order)
2. Joe
3. Henry
4. Rev. George Hannah.
5. Mary, the baby mentioned in Otha's story of a vision, and who married ~~MA~~ Sam Gibson. They had one child named Stella who married a ~~WADE~~ Fisher, father of Rocky Fisher. Mary died and Sam remarried to (Emma -? ) *the daughter of Samuel* Born to second marriage was Richard, Henry, Ruth and Archie.
6. Melinda married John Rose in Webster County. (I believe they lived down Elk River, as Dad when buying furs when 12 years old said he stayed at his annt's house.) They had a son name Bob Rose. (He visited our home at the old house when I was small) *a daughter, Stella, married Herbert Bonner.*
4. Sarah Hannah (1847-1908) She married Silas Sharp, who was captured as a civilian by the Confederates who were operating in the Slatyfork--Linwood area one year. They considered him a northerner and he spent 23 months and 24 days in prisons in Richmond and Salisbury, N. C. and was then exchanged just before the war ended

Their children were: Melinda who married Ellis Hannah

- (1) Melinda: married Ellis Hannah. their children were Eva (Beale), Vee Hannah, ( *Jena* ) Baxter, Russel Hannah.
- (2) Ella: married Bob Gibson. She, we are told was named Mary Ella after Sarah's sister Mary. ~~KYKA~~ Hannah, or Mary Sharp, sister of Silas. → She died of diptheria at age of about 6 --?
5. -- (3) Luther David Sharp, Sr. who married *1-16-1893* Laura Jane Morgan, daughter of Rev. Samuel Morgan. They were married in the Edray Methodist Church. (Mother, (Laura), lived in the Edray parsonage. There children were:
- 6..... Ada (Johnson, Curtain); Violet Markladd, Ivan, Creolat, Silas, Paul, and Luther D. Sharp, Jr. (Dave)



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STREET ADDRESS  
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STATE

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
ON CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

*Sarah Hannah  
mother of  
L.H. Sharp*

1 Sarah Hannah

BORN 12-15-1844  
WHERE  
WHEN MARRIED  
DIED 12-21-1908  
WHERE Slaty Fork

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE  
Silas Sharp

3-2-1842-10-24-1899

2 David Hannah

BORN  
WHERE  
WHEN MARRIED 21 Nov. 1843  
DIED  
WHERE

4 Joseph Hannah

BORN  
WHERE  
WHEN MARRIED  
DIED  
WHERE

5 Elizabeth Burnside

BORN  
WHERE  
DIED  
WHERE

6 Sampson Zickhouse

BORN  
WHERE  
WHEN MARRIED 1817  
DIED  
WHERE

7 Sarah Simmens

BORN  
WHERE  
DIED  
WHERE

3 ~~Esther~~  
Hester Zickhouse  
BORN from excommunication  
WHERE  
DIED  
WHERE

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GIVE HERE NAME OF RECORD OR BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES BY NUMBER.

*Visiting*

*\* Esther is given as marrying  
Hannah Martin's History  
of Highland County, p. 357*



## Slatyfork, W. Va. Schools

The fifth school was a four-room brick school known as the "Seneca Trail Consolidated School" It had a gymnasium, a kitchen, furnace and running water !

Ira Brill of the school board promoted the building of this new school which opened in the fall of 1930. That fall we had a powerful football team of well-grown boys which included the Vandevenders, Beales, Hannahs, Wooddells, Gibsons, and Sharp. But, the team didn't have any uniforms. Hillsboro had been a winning team for years. Marlinton was anxious for some one to beat Hillsboro and sent their uniforms over to the Slatyfork school on the Reynolds Bus Line. The word ~~XXXX~~ got to us that Hillsboro heard about our extra large team. They called by phone canceling our only game scheduled for the year !

After many years it closed, about the 1950's, and the students were then bused to the Marlinton school.

The first principal of the school was Robert Eades. Other teachers were Paul Sharp (also a principal), Lucille Bright, Louise McNeel the present W. Va. Poet Laureate, Florence Howard, Becky Slavens, Ruth Cunningham, Mr. La Rue, Orda Hill, Hugh Moore, Mable McNeel, Mr. Neil Conrad, Wanda Lee Smith, Deacon Shinnaberry, and Josephine Wooddell.

SAM HANNAH

Footnote: For a period, about 1923, L. D. Sharp and Page Hannah were the Trustees.

It was their duty to hire the teachers.

## Slaty Fork School No. 23

EDRAY DISTRICT

Pocahontas Co., West Virginia

April 29, 1927

Submitted by

*Dave Sharp*

Dave Sharp, Cincinnati



VIOLET LITTLEFIELD,

RUTH CUNNINGHAM,

Teachers

## Pupils

## UPPER GRADES

Beatrice Shelton	Eva Hannah
Leola Simmons	Cora Hannah
Dorothy Hannah	Porter Hambrick
John Shelton	Kathleen Carter
Frank Carter	Steward McNeely
Arlie Hannah	Donald Johnson
Luther Sharp, Jr.	Verdin McNeely
Sarah Shelton	Mary Francis Cromer
Earl Carter	Ruth Simmons
	Ruby Mitchell

## PRIMARY ROOM

Lexie McNeely	Wanietta Bonner
Hubert Bonner	Richard Carter
Joe Carter	Elbert Cromer
Emma Cromer	Lyle Painter
Louise Painter	Arietta Higgins
John Victor, Jr.	Lughvan Victor
William Victor	Norman Hannah
Julian Shelton	Pearl Simmons
	Helen Johnson

Slatyfork Schools --Continued Genevieve Sharp

This is the way I remember the teachers at the Slatyfork School (now the church)

1924-1925 Genevieve Sharp  
 1925-1926 Pauline Guyer  
 1926-1927 Violet Littlefield and Ruth Cunningham  
 1927-1928 Pauline Guyer and Gay Hannah  
 1928-1929 Stella Conrad Finch ~~MM~~ (my sister) and Gaye Hannah--Kerr  
 1929 and 1930 Charlsie (Charlise) Beverage & Gaye Hannah.  
 1930-1931 I believe the history book we just received gives Seneca Trail School the year 1930-1931.

I am not real sure when the two rooms came into existence (partition), But I believe Pauline worked on that the first year she was there and it came to pass that first year she taught or the following year.

I looked it up in the history book and they have it dated 1931-1932 when Seneca Trail started. So I am not sure who taught in 1930-1931 Maybe the Seneca Trail School came that year--1930-1931.

Dave: Doc Hannah taught one year at Slatyfork. It may have been 1923-1924.

Dave: An end of school year, April 29, 1927, Violet Littlefield and Ruth Cunningham gave the students a small booklet for the Slatyfork School #23 Edray District and listed the students. So the above years listed must be correct.

Upper Grades

Beatrice Shelton Eva Hannah  
 Leola Simmons Cora Hannah  
 Dorothy Hannah Porter Hambrick  
 John Shelton Kathleen Carter  
 Frank Carter Steward McNeely  
 Arlie Hannah Donald Johnson  
 Luther Sharp Jr. Verdin McNeely  
 Sarah Shelton Mary Frances Cromer  
 Earl Carter Ruth Simmons  
 Ruby Mitchell

(Teacher <sup>Violet</sup> Littlefield)

Primary Room

Lexie McNeely Wanietta Bonner  
 Hubert Bonner Richard Carter  
 Joe Carter Elbert Cromer  
 Emma Cromer Lyle Painter  
 Louise Pinter Arietta Higgins  
 John Victor, Jr. Lughvan Victor  
 William Victor Norman Hannah  
 Julian Shelton Pearl Simmons  
 Helen Johnson

(Teacher <sup>Ruth</sup> Cunningham)

Dorothy (Hannah) Fitzwater said these teachers taught at the (church) school house: Ruth Moore (her first teacher, also Dave's), Charlsie Beverage Stella Fench, Genevieve Sharp, Gaye Hannah, Lila Orndorf Ruth Cunningham, (not necessarily in that order) And Arlene Judy taught at the new brick school--probably it's first year of use?

Frank Hannah said the following taught school at the school that burned: George Bright (Frank's first teacher), Dave Baughman, Emma Howard, Lesslie Judy, Sadie Hannah, Mary Hannah, Eva (Hannah) Beale, Allie Gibson, Jessie Hannah.

Naomi Pauline Guyer, teacher 1927-28 May 1, 1928 "Year Book".  
 Pupils: 4th grade: Hubert Bonner, Dick Carter, Mary Sage, "Waneita" Bonner, Mary Frances Cromer, Ray Sage. 5th: Arlie Hannah, Verdin McNeely, Luther Sharp, Jr., Don Johnson, Mattie Sage, Ruth Simmons, Catherine Wilfong; 6th: Porter Hambrick, Steward McNeely, Chas. Smith; 7th: Kathleen Carter, Dorothy Hannah, Cora Hannah, Leola Simmons; 8th: Reta Curr (~~Kerr~~) misspelled, Eva Hannah, Mazie Sage. (Dave apparently age 11 in May, and was 12 on June 8th, 1928 (Apparently a two-room school. Helen Johnson not mentioned so she must have been in about 3rd grade--? (Edray Sub-district No. 23. Upper Grade Room. Slatyfork))

## THE SLATYFORK METHODIST CHURCH

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The first services apparently were held in school ~~houses~~ houses in the 1850s and 1870s.

In the 1900s services were in the now-gone school house beside the Slatyfork creek, and near the present church. The charter members of the church of the recent

75 to 100 years were L. D. Sharp, Sam Gibson, Sam Hannah, etc.

Since about 1920 the present church ~~has~~ held services in the last one-room school house until 1930 when the same school house was turned over to the church, and at which time the school moved into the new brick building.

The members remodeled the church, changing the entrance to the new front, putting a steeple on it and dug a basement for a furnace. Charlie Beale, Ivan Sharp, Oscar Kerr, Eugene Hannah, Frank Hannah and others worked weeks digging the basement.

Harvey Bright, a carpenter-cabinetmaker (also a watchmaker) was engaged in making all the benches etc. for the church.

L. D. Sharp ~~3~~ was superintendent of the Sunday School for many of the years he was a member. Others who were also superintendents were Eugene Hannah, Ivan Sharp, Frank Hannah, etc.

Some of the ministers were Rev. Sam Morgan (1889-1894) (father of L. D. Sharp's wife, Laura.), Rev. Hill, Rev. Powers, Rev. Combs, Rev. Long, Rev. T. H. Taylor, Rev. Clarence Peirson, Rev. Skaggs, Rev. Crawford, Rev. Mitchim, Rev. Gum and Rev. Ezra Bennet.

In the 1930s and 1940s there were 60 to ~~6~~ 70 attending Sunday services. With most of the lumber related jobs gone and many young people moving to the cities, the membership is now small.

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## The Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Co.

Since 1899 Pocahontas county has had telephone service. The first line came from Beverly in Randolph county, entering Pocahontas county at Mace. A Dr. Bosworth built the line from Beverly to Marlinton, which was finished in August 1899. Later that same year the line was extended up and down the county. About 1910 the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Co was established. Each stockholder bought a wall phone and paid about \$5 a year or the equivalent in labor. Some non-stockholders paid rent to use their phones. Chestnut poles were set and a single wire was strung between the poles. Charles McGuire, Sam Gibson, Otis Gibson and Jake Hoover were some of the repairmen or linemen. A magnetic generator was cranked to cause all the bells in all the phones on the line to ring. When the receiver was lifted off the phone hook two dry cell batteries began providing the power to carry the audio over the wire. There was a line from Marlinton which terminated at L. D. Sharp's store with 20 phones in between on the line. If you wanted to talk to some one in Marlinton, or a long distance call, you would crank the phone a "short" and a "long" and "central" would answer and connect you with your party. Many times "central" (the operator) would have to repeat every word both ways for a long distance conversation. A "short" was about one turn of the crank. A "long" was about 3 turns of the crank. Central ignored all other rings which were direct calls to neighbors on the immediate line. Each phone had a different arrangement (code) of "longs" and "shorts". If some one wanted to call, for instance, L. D. Sharp, he would crank two "shorts" and two "longs". Others on the line were supposed to not pick up their receivers when the phone rang for some one else. But usually there was one or more listening to the conversation. That is how they heard the "news". There were many 4-way, or more, conversations. Mr. Sharp said a man came in the store in 1899 and heard him talking on the phone to George P. Moore at Edray and asked him if the wire was hollow to carry the voice! Apparently the phone was an exciting thing and it was used for amusement sometimes. Mr. Sharp said he and a preacher at Edray sang a song together 12 miles apart, Mr. Sharp singing tenor and the preacher soprano. There are many interesting pranks and stories about this 20-party line that is not printed.

Submitted by Dave Sharp and Raymond Mace  
Cincinnati Slatyfork

Left to Slatyfork  
Book

Notes on the Elk telephone system --- by Raymond Price.

(Concurred by Dave Sharp)

According to Price's History of Pocahontas County, the first telephone line was completed between Beverly and Marlinton in August, 1899. This was known as the Bosworth line and was the first telephone line in the county. I do not know the name of the promoter and builder, except that he was a member of the prominent Bosworth family living in the Huttonsville-Beverly area.

Apparently the Bosworth line lasted only fifteen or twenty years, and perhaps not that long. <sup>Must have been earlier</sup> Probably during World War I or shortly afterwards another telephone line was constructed. This was, I believe, known as the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Company. It consisted of a single wire strung between chestnut poles. Part of the telephone owners using this line were renters and part were stockholders. During the 1920's Susie Gibson, Frank's aunt, left Elk and moved to Marlinton. We bought her share in the telephone company. My grandfather Sam Rider owned a telephone but he was a renter. It is my impression that the telephone line extended no farther than L. D. Sharp's place. Charlie Beale had a telephone, but anyone who desired to talk to him from Elk had to have his call routed by way of Cass and then to Linwood. Vee Hannah would probably know this.

The old telephone line gradually fell apart, and service was impossible. In the late 1920's, sometime after Rt. 219 was completed, a move was made to re-organize the company and build a new line. There were to be no renters. Anyone wishing to have a telephone had to be part of the company. A family could have a telephone by contributing labor or money. My father contributed labor. The line was a single wire strung between chestnut poles. A lineman or troubleshooter was appointed at the stockholders' meeting. I remember that Jake Hoover was lineman for a time, and I believe Charles McGuire was also a troubleshooter or repairman a one time.

Jim Baer owned "central" on the exchange at Marlinton. Any call through another system had to be switched by the Marlinton exchange. At one time there were two Elk telephone lines. On the Marlinton side of

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## The Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Co.

Listed below are the "rings" (or codes) of the subscribers that were called "longs" and "shorts". L. D. Sharp's ring was two shorts and two longs. It was first used at the old home place and later transferred to the store building when it was built. Ivan Sharp who lived at the big house used two longs and two shorts.

## Central - Telephone Operator

L. D. Sharp  
Ivan Sharp (Hugh Sharp)  
Gene Hannah Coal Scales  
Seneca Trail School  
Wanless (salon)  
Lou Gibson  
Lee Hannah  
Sam M. Gibson  
Sam D. Hannah  
Veo Hannah  
Clark Hannah  
Fred Mullenax

Lake Reed  
Charlie McGuire  
Willie Gibson  
Roy Shearer  
Amos Gay  
Nellie Mace  
Jake Hoover  
Helen Hannah  
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Raymond Mace furnished the following "rings":

## Marlinton (Central)

Davis Mace  
Harry Varner  
Harry Shelton  
Malinda Hannah  
J. A Gibson  
James Gibson  
Lottie Gibson  
Luther Sharp  
Slatyfork

Robert Gibson  
Sam Rider  
Hugh Hannah  
William Hannah  
William Varner  
Dock Gibson

John Saughman

"He must have been on the Elk "Short" line as he lived at Marlinton"

P.S.  
Violet Sharpe





Elk Mountain there was a line known as the Short Elk Line. A telephone owner on our side of Elk Mountain had to use Central to talk to people on the other side. I believe the short line was used by people in the Edray part of the county. I am not sure whether the Short Elk Line existed after the new line was built in the late 1920's.

In the late 1930's the Federal Government became more interested in the Elk area, and a sub-camp of the C. C. C. was established across the river from us, on the spot where Floyd Gallford once lived. Then it was decided to rebuild the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone system, with the government furnishing the material and labor. Consequently, a new line was built. New poles were erected and a double line was strung between them. Some years later, perhaps in the 1950's, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company took over telephone communication on Elk.

Telephone rates on the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone service were cheap. If I remember correctly, the yearly telephone dues were four or five dollars. I am fairly sure they never reached ten dollars. Even then, there were some people who had to be sued or threatened before they would pay the telephone bill. Also, it must be added, free calls were discouraged. If a stranger stopped at a man's house to call for help in getting his automobile started, he was supposed to pay for the call. I believe it was a dime. I doubt that most people ever collected. It just would not be neighborly.

Here is a list of calls or "rings" from a paper I found among my mother's things.

Davis Mace	_____	Robert Gibson	_____
Harry Vanner	_____	Sam Riden	_____
Harry Shelton	_____	Hugh Hannah	_____
Malinda Hannah	_____	William Hannah	_____
J. A. Gibson	_____	William Varner	_____
John Baughman	_____	Dock Gibson	_____
James Gibson	_____	Willie Gibson	_____
Lottie Gibson	_____	Marlinton	_____
Luther Sharp	_____		
Slaty Fork	_____		

If I remember correctly, "Central" ring was changed in later years (maybe?)

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I am not sure which period of time is represented by the "nings" I have typed here. It must have been early in the 1920's. Hugh Hannah has been gone from Elk a long time. Perhaps he was part of the Short Elk system. Also, William Hannah has been dead since the 1920's. His name could have been kept on the list of subscribers, however. I am puzzled a bit. Something else puzzles me. Sam Hannah and Sam Gibson were not included in the list. Both families had telephones. Sam Gibson's "ning" was \_\_\_\_\_. Sam Hannah's number was \_\_\_\_\_. In the very early 1920's Page Hannah had a telephone, but I don't remember his number.

Sometimes a telephone owner would let his batteries run down. This would prevent him from getting a message to whomever he called. Then some good soul would relay his message. Someone was always listening. At times there were four-way conversations taking place. On occasion a tree would fall on the line, or the line would get on the ground. This always caused problems. A bad telephone would poison the whole system. An incident during the 1930's is worth mentioning. People's telephones all up and down Elk were ringing at intervals, but nobody could be heard talking. For a few hours on a day or so people ran themselves ragged answering their phones, only to find no one there. Lee Hannah told me that he informed Jennie that ~~Sam~~ Gibson was drunk again and was using the telephone. ~~Sam~~ did get that way once in a dozen years or so, but this time he was innocent. After a thorough search for the trouble, it was located on Lake Reed's - (Jake Gibson's farm) place. It was summer time and a power line which was just barely above the telephone line got warm and expanded, dropping just enough to touch the telephone line when the wind blew or when the line got a bit warmer.

Here is more information which I copied from The Pocahontas Times,  
January 1, 1914.

ably. → The directors of the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Company met  
Saturday. The officers are L. D. Sharp, president; S. Mc Dilley, vice-  
president and general manager; J. D. Gibson, secretary and treasurer. The  
most important business transacted was the cutting out of free phones  
after January 1; the extending of the short line wire down Elk whenever  
the extension of the company's business justifies it; the cooperation of the  
different mutual companies entering the Marlinton switchboard will be asked  
in order to install two phones, one in the C. & O. station and the other in  
the freight office".

This would seem to indicate that the old Bosworth line had been replaced  
by the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone line sometime before.

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## Our Pocahontas Col Country Doctors

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Dr. Cameron of Mace was a typical country doctor and he had perhaps the only Stanley Steamer car in the county. About 1934 my brother, Si, asked me if I wanted to go to Dr. Cameron with him for a check-up. Near the end of Si's check-up Dr. Cameron picked up his only and obviously many-time used wooden tongue depressor, and before Si could react, Dr. Cameron used it to examine his throat ! Half the stick was very dirty from holding it in his hand. The other end was clean from many previous tongues ! Dr. Cameron glanced at me and asked if I wanted him to check my throat. I promptly declined. He showed us some bent glass tubing fitted into bottles etc. and to a source of heat that he invented to use steam to cure T. B. in lungs. He said the steam would kill the germs but he hadn't solved the problem of injury to the patient ! Maude Hall of Mingo said he told many unique stories including this one. Dr. Cameron made a house-call and when he found the patient in severe pain he decided to operate to see what was wrong. He opened the abdomen and found the gut separated. He asked for a peeled potatoe and a needle and thread. He slipped the potatoe in the gut to hold it round so he could see around the tear cleanly. With the gut sewed back like new, he slipped the potatoe to one side and crushed it with a squeeze of his hand so it would "pass on through". He said the patient had a good recovery !

Dr. Jim Price was "Mr. Pocahontas County Doctor". He had a typical country doctor's office right in town. After examining a patient he issued whatever pills or liquid medicine needed from one of the hundreds of bottles, jars etc. setting on tables, shelves and the floor. There was a pathway through bottles and jars on the floor from the door to his consultation desk. Vonda Sharp received an "A" on her college assignment when she wrote a loving account of Dr. Jim and his office. During the depression when banks were closing all over the country, it was reported that Dr. Jim, in order that his bank could be strong if there would be a "run on the bank", got a leather bag and rode to Washington, D. C. with some bonds and brought back about \$60,000 of paper money in a bag. The bank emerged from the great depression in great shape.

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Dr. Cofer, the Slatyfork doctor about 1926 gave \$5 to the student who memorized the most Bible verses during the year. The teacher reported to him that Donald Johnson won it and he was given the money the last day of school. Donald carefully hid the \$5 under his bed till the County Fair opened that summer. He took his \$5 with him. His grandfather, L. D. Sharp, asked him about his \$5. Donald said he lost it all on those gambling wheels!! Later, Donald, while riding a bicycle near the company store, ran into the back ~~of~~ of the walking Dr. Cofer and blew out a tire, with no injury to Dr. Cofer. Dr. Cofer also removed glass from Donald's face, arms, and legs when Donald put a match in a bottle of gunpowder!

Other doctors at Slatyfork <sup>was</sup> Dr. Cox and Dr. ~~Styers~~ Styers who had the first motorcycle in the area. A picture of the motorcycle exists.

Another noted doctor was Dr. ~~Norman~~ Norman Price who ran a foot race with an Englishman from Randolph county to Marlinton, which story is printed elsewhere in this book.

Submitted by Dave Sharp, Cincinnati.

Editor: You may edit, correct spelling, grammar and remove any items you think uninteresting.

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## The Great Practical Joke in Reverse !

Slatyfork 1914

Rachael.

Hugh Sharp, a bachelor, who lived at Slatyfork had Mrs. Showalter doing the house-keeping and a man named Taylor Ramsey doing some farming on the place. Hugh loved his several hives of bees he kept inside his yard fence. Bee hunting was his sport. With honey in his glass bee-trap he would go into the woods until he found a tree with bees. He seldom cut the tree, but carved his initials on it to indicate that it was his tree. He worked with <sup>his</sup> bees without a veil over his face and claimed they never ever stung him. If they did he wouldn't admit it. Every evening after supper he would always take a stroll past his hives to enjoy seeing them work. The two staying there decided to play a practical joke on him so they secured a "patented" snake that looked just like a real snake and placed it at the mouth of one of the hives in a manner that looked like it was eating his bees. This day Hugh took his stroll and he noticed the snake a few hives up the row. He backed up and got a stick and slipped up on it with his stick raised. He suddenly realized it was a fake snake and knew that they were watching him. He did some quick thinking. He proceeded to turn around toward the house without looking up and after a quick "preparation" <sup>or</sup> he did a wee-wee on the ground. Well, that turned the practical joke around on them, as he knew they wouldn't tease him about the snake eating his bees ! And they didn't .

Submitted by

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Editor: you may edit the story for Topical History. ~~XXX~~ To shorten it you might leave out about his bee hunting. Correct any grammar. (Hugh Sharp was born in 1846.)

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Wm Sharp, The Pioneer

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# THE POCAHONTAS TIMES

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CALVIN W. PRICE, EDITOR

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1901

For President  
OWEN D. YOUNG  
of New York

At a court held for the county of Pocahontas on the 4th day of September, 1832, present James Tallman, Benjamin Tallman, Thomas M. John Bradshaw, Jacob Lighter, John Bradshaw, Robert H. Esch, gentleman, late of Virginia, sealant county, ss:

On this 4th day of September 1832, personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid William Sharp, a resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged ninety-two, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 11th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated: That he was drafted and went into service in a company commanded by Captain William Kinard; does not now recollect the name of his lieutenant, but recollects that his ensign's name was James Trimble; that the company to which he belonged was attached to a regiment commanded by Colonel Sampson Mathews; that he entered the service in the early part of the month of January, 1781, and was discharged from that tour of service in the month of April following; that he was in a skirmish with the British at Portsmouth, Virginia. That he resided near where he now does, when he entered the service, in what was then called West Augusta. That he was drafted; that he marched across the Blue Ridge and directly on to Portsmouth, where he remained until he was discharged. That he has no documentary evidence, but supposes that John Bradshaw knows of his having performed said tour of service. He was drafted and was in service in the summer of 1774 in a company commanded by Captain Andrew Lockridge in an expedition against the Indians; that a certain William Mann and himself were sent by Colonel Andrew Lewis with a message to Governor Dunmore, who was then at Fort Pitt, (now Pittsburgh), and did not return to join the army until the next morning after the memorable Battle at Point Pleasant. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service in said campaign.

He went as a volunteer in the month of September, 1761, under Captain Charles Lewis, (the same who was afterward killed in the battle at Point Pleasant) in an expedition against the Indians on the Muskingham River. That he was in service said tour during the fall of 1764 and did not return home until the month of March, 1765. Lieutenant McClanahan belonged to Captain Lewis' company; he does not now recollect the name of any other officers that were out on said expedition except Colonel Field and McNeel; that they had no engagements with the Indians that tour; that the Indians came in and gave up the prisoners they then had.

He was also in service as an Indian spy during the summer of 1773, and the summer of 1774 previous to being drafted into service as before stated under Captain Lockridge, of which said service as a spy he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said service. He states that adding all his services together, those when drafted, the tour as a volunteer and the various times as an Indian spy, will exceed two years and six months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Wm. Sharp

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me a Justice of the Peace for the County of Pocahontas, and I do moreover certify that the said William Sharp cannot from age and bodily infirmity attend the court.

James Sharp

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and Indian spy and served as he states.

The proceedings of that day is signed by Thomas Hill as presiding magistrate.

This William Sharp was the pioneer settler of Huntersville, and from him descend the Sharps of Edray district. The Sharp families around Frost are descendants of John Sharp, a native of Ireland, who settled with his family in 1802 on the Abram Sharp place at Frost. His wife was Margaret Blaine, a sister of Rev. John S. Blaine, a pioneer Presbyterian pastor of Pocahontas county. They came here from Rockingham county. However, Judge Summers H. Sharp and secretary of State Geo. W. Sharp are also descendants of William Sharp through their mother Mrs. Amanda Grimes Sharp, daughter of David G. Grimes, who was a son of Arthur Grimes, who married Mary, a daughter of the William Sharp, whose declaration of his service as a revolutionary soldier is under consideration.

William Sharp was the first to open a permanent residence at Huntersville. His home was near the present residence of George W. Gingar. He was living here prior to the Revolutionary war, and according to tradition he came here from near Staunton. This is borne out in his declaration that he went out in 1764 with an expedition under Captain Charles Lewis (of Staunton) to the Muskingham (Muskingum) River to bring back prisoners held by the Indians. I presume these captives were taken in the second Kerr's Creek

Massacre. He came to Huntersville about 1775. Anyway, he was here in 1774 and went on the Point Pleasant campaign in Captain Andrew Lockridge company.

I recall that mention is made of him in the Chalkley Papers as Capt. William Sharp, when he was delegated to open certain roads in what is now Pocahontas County.

His wife was Mary Meeks. Their children were Nancy, wife of Levi Moore, Jr.; Margaret, wife of John Keller; Rachel, wife of Jonathan Grinn; Mary, wife of Arthur Grimes mentioned above; John, who married Sarah McCollum.

James, son of William, the pioneer married Ann Waddell. They settled on Beaver Creek. Their children were Mary, wife of James Lewis; Margaret, wife of Jacob Clivey; Martha, wife of another Mr. Clivey; Nancy, wife of Robert Ryder; Ann, wife of Levi Cackley, Jr.; Rachel, wife of Robert Gay; Lucinda, wife of Jonathan Jordan; William, Andrew and James.

The last named, James, was the magistrate who attested his grandfather's declaration. He was a prominent citizen of his day, Justice of the peace and as such a member of the county court, high sheriff and elder in the Presbyterian church. He was also a great hunter. It is told of him that when hunting deer in Buckley Mountain late one evening he saw a panther mount a log a few yards in front of him. He shot the animal, but when the smoke cleared away another panther crouched on the log. This performance was repeated nine times, when the hunter became panic stricken and flanked out for home. Some time during the night, other panthers followed his trail to his house and killed a yearling calf. The next day with proper reinforcements, Mr. Sharp went back to the place where he had fired nine times, and there lay nine dead panthers.

James Sharp married Mary Burnside. He died during the war.

William, son of William, the revolutionary soldier, married Elizabeth Waddell. Their children were James, who married Althea Martin and lived on Browns Creek; William Jr. married Rachel Dilley, and lived at Slaty Fork of Elk; Alexander married Mary Dilley; Jacob married Elizabeth McNeel; John married Sally Johnson; Rachel, wife of James Hester; Mary, wife of David Gibson; Rebecca, wife of Wm. D. Moore; Anna, wife of Alexander Stalnaker; Ellen, wife of Warwick Stalnaker; Nancy, wife of Jacob Cassell; Martha, wife of Andrew Dilley.

Mr. Sharp says he was a member of the regiment commanded by Colonel Sampson Mathews. Colonel Mathews lived at Staunton; his son Sampson married Mary, daughter of Major Jacob Warwick, and lived at Dunmore; their son, Sampson Lockhart Mathews, is the grandfather of Judge George W. McClinton.

Mr. Sharp refers to John Bradshaw as the only man then living who knew of his having performed the "tour" of service in the campaign that ended the war. John Bradshaw was found

at Huntersville, prominent citizen, and his name is among the magistrates sitting on the court the day William Sharp's declaration was filed. I will publish John Bradshaw's own declaration in a coming issue. William Sharp says he was drafted for the campaign to Point Pleasant in the company under Captain Andrew Lockridge. This Captain Lockridge was a considerable figure in the frontier fighting for a generation. Cousin Georgianna Donlap Arnold, of Oklahoma City, has promised to write us about the Lockridges.

I can well understand why Mr. Sharp was sent as a courier through the wilderness for several hundred miles to Fort Pitt with messages from Colonel Andrew Lewis to Governor Dunmore. He had been with Captain Charles Lewis on the expedition to the Indian country ten years before. This commission showed the confidence in his integrity and in his ability as a frontiersman.

Attention is called to the fact that Mr. Sharp says the place he lived in 1774 was in West Augusta, but at the time his declaration was made it was then in Pocahontas county. We all know the esteem in which General Washington held the people of this region for he said: "Give me but a banner to raise upon the mountains of West Augusta and I will rally around me an army that will lift my bleeding country from the dust."

If any body knows the last resting place of Captain William Sharp, I want them to send the word in Marlinton Kiwanis club will take the necessary steps to have the Federal government mark it with a suitable stone. I would just naturally suppose his bones are either in the old cemetery near the Huntersville Presbyterian church or in the McLaughlin burying ground on Howard Harlow's place, but I do not know.

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## CIVIL WAR STORIES OF SLATYFORK

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Pocahontas County was on the border between the North and the South and the Beverly-Mingo-Slatyfork-Marlinton-Huntersville turnpike seemed to be important to both sides. General Lee's men were camped at Linwood one winter 1861<sup>42</sup> and he was with them part of the time. One evening he tied his horse "Traveler" to a post and with two guards standing outside the door of the still-standing <sup>SHARP'S</sup> log house ate supper cooked in cast iron kettles still in the house. Another time, late one afternoon, the Confederates camped across the creek and each soldier took a rail from the meadow fence--stripping every rail--to burn all night. They found apples buried. The captain told them to pay Mrs. William Sharp for them. Uncle Hugh Sharp told us of the two Confederates ambushed on the turnpike on the hill.

The snow was deep and he and his father, William, was getting in wood when several shots were fired. A southern dispatch rider came galloping along with two riderless saddled horses following. He yelled to William that his two buddies had been ambushed and asked them to go see about them. With the snow sled and horse they found one dead and the other wounded. They sledded them to the house and put the dead one in the corn crib and the other one, about 20, was put at the fireplace where <sup>he</sup> talked of his parents back in Georgia and died at midnight. The next day they were buried <sup>him</sup> near the present cemetery.

L. D. Sharp told us stories he heard of the retreat of the Confederates from Linwood. In their haste a munitions wagon loaded with lead minnie balls broke a wheel in the creek and was left. His father, Silas, and Uncle Hugh went up there on trips to bring back lead on their horses. They melted the balls for their own guns in later years.

At the start of the Civil War the issues were not clear so the Sharps and John B. Gibson father of Joe and Sam Gibson decided not to take sides but found out that this was impossible. These men camped out part of the time on Middle Mountain at the "Pine Knob" under a rock cliff. They decided to get together for an Easter breakfast. Mrs. Gibson came down to the Sharps to see her husband. While they were eating Easter breakfast, one of the boys ran in and said the Rebels were coming. Little Luther, age 16, ran up the hill and was shot by Jake Simmons. About a dozen shot at John Gibson. Two men <sup>whose</sup> runs were empty ran after him. At the top of the hill he pulled out a "pepper box" pistol and said "dangster, I'll kill you". They skidded into reverse and Gibson escaped. While Gibson was running across the meadow, one soldier reloaded and laid his gun across a wood pile or sill and Mrs. Gibson cracked his head with a piece of wood. Grandfather Silas jumped into a fence-rail goose nest. A soldier jumped over the nest and was reloading.

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gun with a ramrod when Si hit him over the head with a boot jack. Si ran around the house and faced Jake Simmons who had just shot Luther. He surrendered. Later in the day while marching Silas along the road they captured Bill Hannah. The other man had a very small hand and when they were handcuffed together for the walk south, he showed Silas he could get the handcuff off. A few days later when the soldier on horseback taking them south had to stop for a "call of nature" and set his gun against a tree a few feet from where he was "sitting", Silas asked him to take the handcuff off and he'd make a run for the gun, but the other man was afraid. Silas was taken to Richmond and then to Salisbury, N. C. where he spent 23 months and 24 days in prison where thousands starved to death. They ate rats, cat and dogs a't times to survive. In the 1920's "LD", son of Silas, stopped in at Salisbury and asked an old man with a long white beard where the prison was. He told "LD" that all the prisoners starved to death--to the last man. "LD" tried to convince the man that his father lived through it, but the old man told him that he couldn't have!

The captain in charge of <sup>Richmond's</sup> Libby prison was cruel even to his own men, who finally killed him. He issued an order that any prisoner that stuck his head or arm out the window would have it shot off. The guards under him had a plan. One of the guards would fire a gun outside, which he did. The captain ran and stuck his head out the window and they shot his head off--complying with his order! Si told many times of the rejoicing of the prisoners when the captain was shot.

Silas had two brothers, <sup>South</sup> Henry and <sup>North</sup> Bernard, killed in action. "L. D." thought one joined the North and the other the South. It was thought that Henry, killed at the Robert Gibson place had joined the South and was killed on purpose by his own men because he may have been a spy for the North--which he might have been--? They reported that it was an accident, when his men shot him while he was on picket duty at night there on the road.

Uncle Hugh Sharp was a bee-hunter sportsman. He would find a bee-tree and carve his initials on the tree, rarely cutting a tree for the honey. He told the family after the war that he planned to go "bee hunting" over the mountain and kill Jake Simmons for killing his little brother Luther, but he never made the move.

"L.D." has told us many times that his parent's family really didn't know clearly the issues and didn't know which side to join. That's the reason Silas Sharp, John Gibson and others didn't join either side and camped part of the time under a cliff at the "Pine

<sup>not a row</sup> called "Sharp's Knob" just behind the Middle Mountain meadow.  
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When Silas returned from sleeping on hard floors in prison he couldn't at first sleep in a bed. He was so skinny after his long walk from the south that Sarah, his future wife, didn't know him when he came by her house. Aft

After the war William brought a civil suit against a Captain Marshal and others, and we understand collected \$500 for illegally taking his son, Si, a civilian, and sending him to prison.

Apparently there were some Southern sympathizers at Mingo as there is a very old and beautiful statue of Robert E. Lee behind an iron fence at Mingo Flats.

I have on file more details of the Mannahs, Gibsons, Sharps and events of the Civil War at Slatyfork.

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# Huntersville Target For Federal Army Raid

(A) The 1862 campaign in the Allegheny highlands in West Virginia opened on the first day of the new year with a strong raiding force from the Federal winter camp at Huttonsville, Randolph County, marching on Huntersville, then the county seat of Pocahontas County. Huntersville, lightly garrisoned by some 250 Confederate cavalry and infantry with a contingent of county militia, was an important center in the summer and fall campaign of 1861 when it was the headquarters of General W. W. Loring, who commanded the Army of the Northwest, CSA. Loring had been called, with his troops, to re-enforce Stonewall Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley; now its only military importance was as a supply center for the Confederate troops operating in that area, and also in the fact that it was connected with Warm Springs by a fairly good turnpike. This highway could be used as a gateway for Union Troops to Virginia east of the mountains, just as it was being used by the Southerners for their troops and for transportation of supplies funneled in from the central depots at Staunton and Warm Springs.

The Union high command at Huttonsville determined to destroy the center, though no Federal troops had penetrated that far into the Confederate-held mountain country. A task force was organized and at one o'clock in the afternoon of Dec. 31 Major George Webster, 25th Ohio Infantry, moved out of Huttonsville at the head of 400 of the men of his own regiment, headed toward Huntersville. At Camp Elkwater

(P) of range as quickly as possible. One of the men later confessed that he ran that day only because he could not fly.

The battle of Marlins Bottom, Greenbrier Bridge, or by whatever of the half-dozen names it has been called, was an extremely noisy affair, but entirely bloodless. Not a man was killed, and not an man, Union or Confederate, was reported wounded—it was all sound and fury.

The small brush at the covered bridge did little more than to halt the Federal raiders. Stopping long enough to detach a guard of fifty men to protect the bridge, Webster pressed on for the six mile run to Huntersville. Confederate pickets were encountered about two miles from the town, but after trading a few shots with the advance guard, which did no harm to either side, the pickets retired upon the main body of dismounted cavalry drawn up in line of battle about a mile from the town. Webster deployed a part of the 25th Ohio up a hill to the left to turn the Confederate right, and with the balance of his force moved up to make a frontal attack. Firing became general all along both lines, remarkable only for noise, but when the Confederates discovered the flank movement they fell back to their horses, hastily mounted and retreated to a position a half mile nearer the town.

Webster's troops crossed Knapps Creek and there he employed the same tactics as at the first stand; two companies of the 25th Ohio were sent to the right at the base of a hill to turn the Confederate left, while Major Owens with the

shots, then fled to Warm Springs and Monterey.

Major Webster said in his official report that on entering the town "we found the place deserted, the houses broken open, and goods scattered, the cause of which was soon stated by a returned citizen. The rebel commander (who is not identified in any report) had ordered the citizens to remove all their valuable property as he intended, if beaten, to burn the town." The retreating Confederates did set fire to a large barn containing commissary stores before taking their hasty departure.

Webster's attacking force at Huntersville was about 600 men—the wagon and bridge guards and some stragglers accounted for the men missing out of the original 738 - but exaggerated Confederate reports said that he had 4,000 to 5,000 men. No exact figures are fixed for the number of Confederate defenders which, it seems, was composed of about 250 mixed troops, units not identified, and a few militia hurriedly called up the night before. In all the Confederate force probably had a strength of 300 to 350 men. In all the marching, counter-marching, shooting and waste of gunpowder, Webster had one man wounded - shot in the arm. The Confederate casualty list is fixed at one man killed and seven wounded, in addition to the loss of stores - and that loss caused real suffering in the Confederate mountain camps the balance of the winter.

The considerable quantity of Confederate stores found in Huntersville were given to the flames because of lack of transportation to carry them away. Major Webster reported capture of 350 barrels of flour, 300 salted beeves amounting to about 150,000 pounds, 30,000 pounds of salt, and large amounts of sugar, coffee, rice, bacon, clothing, etc. The soldiers kept and carried back to their camp a large number of Sharps carbines, sabers, horse-

ing, and he left the flag flying as he took his departure.

After an hour and a half driving the Confederates out of the town and two hours in accomplishing the real purpose of the raid, Webster turned back toward the Huttonsville base, marching about ten miles to Edray before encamping for the night. The task force had had a hard day; it had marched 24 miles and had fought two engagements - or skirmishes - that were more noted for footwork than action. The little army reached Huttonsville on January 6th, having made a winter march of 102 miles in a little less than six days, penetrated the enemy's country thirty miles further than any body of Federal troops had gone before and returned with all men, horses and wagons intact and with only Private Oliver P. Hershee, 25th Ohio Infantry, nursing a wound in the arm.

At the time Major Webster's foray was counted one of the most successful raids, for it did more than scatter county militia at Marlins Bottom and rout a small force at Huntersville - the raid threw a tremendous scare into the Confederate command. Pocahontas historian Andrew Price said it "made their lines quiver from Huntersville to Winchester, and from Camp Allegheny to Staunton. Scouts rode headlong in every direction carrying dispatches. They seemed to have agreed on the strength of the Federal army as being 5,000 men instead of the 738 that it actually was."

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Rockingham was carved from Augusta in 1778. In 1787 the German settlement north of "The Divide," that part of Rockingham west of the Shenandoah mountains, plus slices from Hardy and old Augusta was made the county of Pendleton. Scarcely two years later Bath was stricken off from Augusta and parts of Botetourt and Greenbrier. It took in that section west of the Shenandoah range and as far north as "The Divide," the whole upper James River Basin.

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So, it would have been quite possible for a child to have been born to an early settler of Traveller's Repose in Augusta County in 1780, spend his childhood in Augusta, grow to adulthood in Bath, be married in Pendleton, and die in Pocahontas and never leave his own house.

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When LD became about 19 he went to see the girls, going in a buggy or horseback. Either at a party or a dance (square) Nelly Slanker jumped on his lap and embarrassed him by sitting on his lap, so he said. He must have been about 17 when he planned to go up to see some girl living near his married sister Ella. Dad (LD) mother suspected he was going to see her and sent a note along with him to his Sister, telling her to try to prevent it--for some reason. Ella lived about 4 miles up Elk River.

Dad met Laura Mergan, who lived with her parents, Rev. ~~Shm~~ Mergan, at the Edray parsonage. He went by horse or buggy to see her. He had her soon talked out of teaching school to marry him. When Rev. Mergan died, Laura's mother Edith married Mr. ~~Hitchell~~ *Wesley IRVIN*

Dad had seven children: Ada, Violet, Ivan, Greela, Silas, Paul, and Dave, Jr. Ada married John Johnson in Baltimore. Ada studied Eloquention and performed in New York city, and knew a famous stage actress and exchanged letters for many years. Violet married Rufus Markland of Richmond, Va. and had one child, Rufus, Jr. Violet and Rufus came to Pocahontas County to get married. Dad had heard his last name but had never seen him before. When he started to introduce him in Marlinton to someone, he had to ask him his name. Dad laughed about that many times. Evan didn't appear to be much interested in girls when he was a teenager, but did go up Elk to see a Hannah girl. Then Ivan went up to Arbovale to a music school one summer and met Genevieve Ornderf. He immediately fell "head over heels" in love with her. He drove up there everytime he could get away. One time he put chains on both front and rear wheels of his Star car in order to get through the deep snow to see her. They had three children, Ralph, Ramona and Evan. Ramona majored in music, taught school and married Tom Shipley. Ralph married Regena. Evan married Phyllis in Va. He was "fatally killed" in a hunting accident at about age 34 Nov. 17, 1975

Greela died age 18 with a blood poisoning.

Silas Sharp still lives at the old homestead at Slatyferk.

Paul Sharp Married Vonda Love of Buckhannon, and they had two children, Thayer and Barbara. After Vonda died, Paul Married Ketha *Milthollin* of Port Neches Texas.

Dave Married Sylvia Friel of Marlinton, W. Va. July 11, 1940, and adopted a daughter, Linda, in 1962, and live in Cincinnati, Ohio *LINDA married Benny Edwards, May 24, 1950 (12-19-61)*

Ada's husband died. Her son Donald and Helen Johnson came to live with Dad and Beth went to school till on their own at Slatyferk. Ada remarried Wm Curtain and they had 3 children, Clara, Bill and Stanley. *Donald lives in Fortland, Oregon*

When Dad got married, he built his house on to the same house he was born in, both houses sharing the same fireplace. The old house was taken down about 1940 and lumber from it was used to build an apartment on the back of the warehouse of the "new" store on Route #119, for Dave and Sylvia to live in while they ran the store. The old house that Dad built is still standing with the chimney, but the kitchen has decayed. The old apple orchard that must have been there when Dad's father lived there is still standing. Dad did some grafting of apple trees on the farm. Some of the very old apple trees are Pippin, Fallowater, Red Astern, (and later a Richmond.) and (Red) Ben Davis, a hardy apple, but not much for flavor. A story Dad told many times. His grandmother took the seeds from an apple and planted the seeds. She planted 7 seeds, but only 3 grew. She had 6 ~~children~~ (boys). During the Civil War 3 boys died, and 3 boys lived. *Sum in one of the Boys' books*  
*21 girl 1 girl*  
*= 7 children*

It seemed to be 24 children.

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I had a son William J. 166

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I understand the original of the Slatyfork Sharps was William Sharp who lived at Huntersville. William lived at Slatyfork in a house (probably log) at the edge of the meadow next to the big spring of water close by the route 219 bridge that crosses Big Spring creek. Apparently he moved, later on, a 1/4 mile up the creek to a log house still standing at the large 17-room house now being used.

William had several boys and one girl Mayella (who died of I think diphtheria) Henry lived in a house in a field below the Middle Mountain Meadow. Don't know where he was buried. Harmon Sharp lived in a log house at Slatyfork (Laruel Bank) where Big Spring and Elk River converge. The point on Gauley Mountain is known as A Sharp's Knob, perhaps known named after Harmon. — William

Luther Sharp was a 16 year old boy, who started to run up the path above where the railroad track now is, when JAKE SIMMONS of Bath County, Virginia, of the Confederate army shot him at a great distance, thinking he was of military age. We don't know where he was buried. Probably an unmarked grave in the Sharp cemetery — ?

Another Son Was Hugh Sharp, who lived all his life in either the original house near the spring or the one near the large existing house. He lived there at least after his childhood. Hugh, after the war, threatened many times to go bee hunting over in Bath County to kill Jake Simmons for killing his brother, Luther. Uncle Hugh's sport was to take a small glass bee-trap to catch a bee on a flower and by letting the bee feed on honey in the trap and turning it loose to come back, and repeating it many times so he could see which direction the bees went and he could find the bee tree. He had all the bees he needed, so instead of cutting all the bee trees, he'd carve his initials on the tree signifying to others that that was his tree. — mostly sport for him.

Uncle Hugh loved his bees. When he gave Dad (LD) his part of the original farm to keep him the rest of his life, Dad built the 17 room house with timber sold from the land. Uncle Hugh would not let them remove the bees from around the old house when the new house was being built. The carpenters had to fight bees during the building. One man jumped off the second floor roof when a bee got to him. After the house was finished, ~~and~~ Uncle Hugh lived there, with a hired hand and a cook, Mrs. Shewalter that Dad provided for him. Every day at noon after eating, Uncle Hugh would go out and walk around each hive of bees to enjoy the sight. (He always worked with the bees without a bee-vail on, and claimed he never ever got stung.) The hired man, Taylor Ramsey decided to play a trick on him, so he got a patented snake (imitation snake), and put it at the mouth of a hive, appearing to be eating the bees. Mrs. Shewalter and the man was looking out the door or window to see the fun and laugh at him when he found out it was a trick. Uncle Hugh made his rounds of the hives, when he saw the snake. He stepped back and got a long stick and slipped up on the snake with the stick raised above his head, when he realized it was a trick. He did some quick thinking to keep them from having the joke on him. He turned around, opened his fly and facing the house wee-weed on the ground. They didn't tease him about it!

Dad said Some of the Sharp boys joined the North and others the South. One of them with the South, was on picket duty not too far from the Slatyfork Area, when he was shot by his own men, who said they made a mistake thinking he was from the other side (at night). Someone said they were suspicious he was working for the other side and they deliberately shot him. And of course he may have been???? also: Harmon, Henry, Luther

The only other son I know the name of was Silas, father of L. D. Sharp (Dad). At that time the boys lived in the log house with their father and mother (next to what is now the 17 room house). Some of the boys joined the North and others joined the South. And perhaps two or three, not convinced which side to join, didn't join either, and technically wasn't on either side. Silas, and a brother or two and perhaps a couple other men under the same circumstances who chose not to join either side, being afraid either side would capture them lived under a cliff of rock at the "pine knob" just on the other side of Middle Mountain Meadow. They stayed there when there was troop movement in the valley, coming in for food when necessary. Silas and a man Sam Gibson (Sam Gibson's father) was captured by the Confederates. Silas ran down below the house and hid in a goose's nest. A soldier fired his rifle and was standing a few feet away using a ramrod to reload. Silas picked up a boot-jack and hit him in the head, stunning him, but they captured him. Another man there tried to run away, up toward the cemetery. The Captain gave orders for two soldiers to catch him. Threw down their guns and chased him up the hill.

John Gibson  
(Sam Gibson's father)

Was inside the

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When he got almost up to the top of the hill he was out of breath, and stopped, turned around, pulled out a "Pepper Box" pistol (that Dad said might not kill anyone) and said "hangister, I'll kill you". They turned around and fled, leaving him free. This may have been ~~Kenny~~ Sam Gibson's father. <sup>Uncle</sup> If so, he wasn't captured. Silas and the other man was handcuffed and a confederate soldier on horse was assigned to walk them south to Salisbury, N. C. to prison. They walked many days. The two men said they were not in the northern army, but the army took them as prisoners any way. One day on the trip south, the soldier on the horse had a "call of nature". He got off his horse set his gun against a tree, unfastened his suspenders. The man with Silas had a very small wrist, and showed Silas once before that he could take his handcuff off that was holding one man's left arm and the others right arm together. Silas begged him to take his handcuff off so he'd be free to grab the gun and free themselves. But the man was afraid not to take it off. So they went on to prison. <sup>2</sup> Dad has told us many times the years and months and days (about 9 years) he was in prison. (~~2~~ years, 23 months and 24 days *lucky 6 days of being 2 years*)

Silas was in the prison in Salisbury for <sup>about</sup> ~~two~~ years or more before being transferred to Richmond. While in Salisbury, most of the men died of disease or starved. Silas made (with his knife?) pieces of "jewelry" and had a black woman who came in the camp prison to clean up, to take out and sell for him and bring food to him., which may have saved his life. The men at rats and dogs when they could get any. A captain came through the prison one day. Some men threw a blanket over the dog ~~and~~ that followed him, and killed it. They cooked it to eat. Silas took one bite but couldn't swallow it. He carved his initials or name on the stone walls of the prison. He went to Richmond to stay until he was exchanged later in an exchange with the north of prisoners. He was given a written pass to walk through lines to his home from Richmond. Silas had, ~~I think, married~~ <sup>MARRIED</sup> before his capture Sarah Hannah who's father lived, I think in a log house next to Page Hannah's house and near Archie Gibson's house. The house was still standing in about 1935. Si Sharp, my brother, thinks the Hannahs lived in a house above the road above Frank Hannah's (Sam Hannah's). There was a house there that a Hannah lived in and they may have lived there first and moved down to the other house after that one may have burned.

When Silas got back home from prison, he went to bed ~~in the bed~~, but tossed and turned and couldn't sleep on the feather bed. He had to get out on the hard floor and sleep like he did in prison! - *for a while*

Silas's father, William married <sup>RACHAEL</sup> ~~Sarah~~ Dilly from I believe about Campbelltown. <sup>Rachael</sup> ~~Sarah~~ was of German descent (maybe from Germany?) and spoke German. Dad picked up a few words from her, but could not carry on a conversation in it. At the St. Louis Fair at about the turn of the century, Dad and Bob Gibson, his brother-in-law, went to the fair by themselves by train. Each country had booths selling their merchandise. Dad went up to a German booth that had German girls selling. Dad only knew one word, meaning "pretty girl". He said it to them, but when they responded in rapid German, he was embarrassed and turned heel and hurried away!

Apparently families had special pliers to pull teeth. Silas (grandfather) asked Dad to pull a tooth (maybe his last?). Dad was all excited, thinking he might fail or break it off. It was a successful pull.

Grandfather, Silas became sick, perhaps suddenly, complaining of his stomach. He died soon. Dad thought it may have been appendicitis, or cancer.



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Grandfather Silas was in prison in Salisbury, N. C. So Dad (ID) on a trip to Florida about 1938 decided to stop in the city to see the prison that his father was in. Dad stopped in town and got out of the Wash car and saw a very old man sitting on a bench. Dad went to him and told him that his father had been in prison there and that he wanted to see the prison, and could he tell him ~~how~~ where to see it. The man told Dad "your dad didn't live through it. They all died. Everyone of them starved to death. Not a one lived." Dad told him again that his father lived through it, saying "I'm here, so my father must have lived" But he couldn't convince him that his father lived. The old man must have been a boy at the time of the war, or maybe he had been a soldier. Dad didn't see the prison.

During the War, General Lee's army was camped up at Linwood, and had a hospital on a little flat just below the 219 road, about half way up the mountain. Lee came by the Sharp's house about supper time and was invited in to eat. Uncle Hugh told many times of General Lee's white horse Traveler being tied up beside the house. Two guards were stationed outside the door on the porch. The log house, covered with clappard, still stands, with the old stone chimney. Uncle Hugh was there, but was too young, or they ignored him because he didn't belong to the North's army.

One late afternoon, the Confederate army came there and camped across the creek in the meadow. They set up their tents and needed fire wood to keep warm and cook. Each man went to the rail fence and brought one to build a fire or fires. Every rail was taken. The soldiers found apples that were buried under dirt to keep from freezing. When the captain found out they took the apples, he ordered them to go pay the Sharp's for the apples.

Confederate soldiers camped up at Linwood one winter. It was a hard cold winter and the Sharp's heard that half the soldiers died of disease, but they were buried secretly. No one ever found their graves. Some thought they might have dropped them down some vertical caves in the area.

It seems the Confederates hurriedly retreated from up there when they heard of a Yankee army coming from Huttonsville. They loaded up their wagons and came down Big Spring Creek and then on toward Marlinton. One wagon loaded with lead musket balls broke an axle where the road crossed the creek at Linwood. They just left the load there. Dad said his father went up there ~~(with a sled or wagon)~~ and brought perhaps a 100 lbs of lead to melt down for his gun for bullets. *on shoulder?*

Uncle Hugh told about a Southern soldier being ambushed up along the old road, and wounded. I think another soldier was killed outright. Uncle Hugh and <sup>his father</sup> others took a sled up there and hauled him down to the house and made him a bed in front of the fireplace. He was mortally wounded and he knew it. He told the Sharp's about his family in the South before dying that night. I don't know if any messages were sent south, or even if those there could write???? I'm sure Sarah (Silas's wife) could write, but

After the war, Uncle Hugh thought it would be interesting to make a cannon and shoot it. He fashioned a cannon out of a hollow pole. Made ~~an~~ a round wooden ball. The story as I remember, he fired it and it blew up but the ball went through a wall of one of the houses.

In a letter of Sil's to me: "Three of Uncle Hugh's brothers were killed in the war. One was "Little Luther", age 16 and one was Bernard. Don't know the name of the other one. (Henry) Uncle Hugh and Uncle Harman who lived at Slatyfork--he later moved just out of Elkins.. There was one 12 year old girl (Mary?) died of Diphtheria. Uncle Hugh had Diphtheria too. Dr. told him to smoke a pipe." *ella*

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When Dad (LDS) was a boy of about 7, a black man ~~working~~ working on a saw mill or something took a liking to Dad, and with a knife whittled Dad his first and only toy of his life, out of a piece of wood. I think it may have been a figure of a boy.

One summer when Dad was perhaps about <sup>12</sup>11, he begged his father to let him ride with some wagons from the area going over to Millboro, Va to get supplies. There must have been 3 or 4 wagons and the men. One night after crossing into Virginia, they camped on some high ground overlooking a very small cluster of houses, that blacks lived in, or so they told him. They decided to have some fun, Dad told me, at his expense. They told him that these black girls liked to sleep with a white boy, and that they would come up at night when a person is asleep and go to bed with him. He didn't believe them. So they told him to look at his penis the next morning. That night when he was asleep, they unbuttoned his pants, and rubbed charcoal from the fire on him. He said the next morning when he got up awake the first thing he did was look, and he was as black as he could be! HIS UNCLE HARMON WAS ON THE TRIP

Harm  
Sharp  
was one  
of them

When Dad was about 15, I'd guess, he and his father went on two horses up to Linwood where there was a store. It was apparently an all day job--go there buy some supplies and loaf a while before coming back home. They had some cider, which Dad said was boiled two barrels into one, and it had a kick to it that he didn't know it had. He drank a few drinks and then he and 3 or 4 boys there went down to the nearby creek in a patch of elderberry bushes where they were playing. One was whittling with a knife and accidentally cut one of the boys just a little. Dad said it seemed funny to him because he was drunk (and maybe didn't know it), but he was so lightheaded he could hardly get back in the store. His dad was ready to leave ~~from~~ home, and said to Dad "would you like to have a glass of cider before we go home?" Dad said he didn't think he did, knowing he was already drunk. He didn't think he was ever going to get on that horse without his dad finding out he was drunk. He made it home ok. He said that was his first and last time getting drunk. All his life he never drank any beer or whiskey. He did smoke when he was about 20 but quit after perhaps 2 or 3 years.

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Dad was both a farmer and a merchant. He ran a store on the old road "over the hill" near the old house, which he built perhaps about 1900, along with farming. The product sold from the farm was wool, sheep, and cows.

Dad's store was about the only one in the area. Later on the W. Va. Pulp & Paper Co. had a store for their employees at Slatyferk. He bought furs, chickens and wool from farmers and shipped to Baltimore etc. He would buy up turkeys from farmers, pack them in barrels and haul them to Marlinton in wagons and put on a train to go to Baltimore where feed brokers sold them. Usually he made out ok. That's a long way for turkeys to go unrefrigerated! One batch he sent, maybe his last, the broker sent him a small check saying he coddled the turkeys all over town trying to sell them. He sold a few, but most of them stunk so bad no body would buy them! ha.

Farmers would kill pheasants (grouse) and he would pack them in small barrels and sent to Baltimore. Another thing he bought all his life was ginseng.

Dad was, I believe, the first to have a telephone. He was also the first around there to have a car, after telephones had been in. *See stories elsewhere*

One time some one up at the head of Elk rang a distress signal and everyone picked up their phones to see what it was about. Someone announced that a horse and buggy had run off and was headed down toward Slatyferk. People all along the road went out to the road to stop the horse and buggy only to find that it was one of those new fangled horseless carriages. Joke!

When a few cars got in the area, Dad ordered gasoline in barrels. They were hauled from Marlinton, and a hand pump was placed down in the hole after the cap was unscrewed. He later had, I believe a small tank put in with a hand pump to pump it into a car. I don't remember how the amount was measured.

Dad got a Studebaker sometime about 1914 <sup>and</sup> Maybe before that? In the 1920's he or Ivan broke the axle housing on the rear end on near Ella Gibsons in a mud hole. Ivan made a wooden sled and took a team of horses up there, fit the sled under that one side, and pulled the car back home. He ordered a new housing. It cost what dad thought was too much -- perhaps \$150 when the car may have only cost \$800--??

When he bought the car, he sent Ivan to Marlinton for I think a couple days to learn how to start, run, and do minor repairs to the Studebaker. In the winter time, the car was jacked up off the tires.

About 1928 (?) the new highway came through, bypassing the store location on the old road. So Dad had a man KING in Marlinton to build a new store building where it is still in existence. Four new hand operated gasoline pumps with 10 gallon glass tanks at the top were installed. Dad had Standard Oil at the two pumps, and Ivan had two pumps of Amigo. It was big move moving furniture etc over to the new place by wagon. Dad borrowed money from the Farmers & Merchants bank to build the store. He also borrowed about \$300 from his friend Sam Gibson. It was a struggle during the depression to not go broke, but finally after keeping some of us in school and college, he finished up the debt with some sale of timber. Ivan sold auto supplies in one corner of the store. The store had 32 volt lights, run from a Delco generator. The house already had 32 volt electricity. Then about 1936 or 1938 (?) WestPenn came through with 110 volts. Tourists began coming through so gasoline sales was reasonably good. Dad decided some "Tourists Camps" should be built, so old Camp 18 that the W. Va. Pulp & Paper Co. left when they were finished, was torn down and used to make the camps. They perhaps more than paid their way. Then it seemed better to rent them out to people working for the company. Henry Gibson lived in one, Oscar Kerr in another. Others were...

The only one in existence now is the one Henry Shaver lived in, and his wife Lorraine still lives there.



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Slatyfork Sharps' Records

From the William Sharp's Bible Record.  
 Furnished by Ramona Shipley, Parkersburg, W. Va.

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Copied from record pages between the New and Old Testaments.  
 Xerox copies made.--copied from small Bible given to Rachael  
 Dilley by her Father Martin Dilley on her Wedding Day.

Martin Dilley born Dec 27, 1779. Died 12-26-1851, age 71, 11 mo, 29 da;  
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Rachael Dilley born October 1815

William Sharp and Rachael Dilley married Sept 20 1838  
 (another date also entered at another place, but the ink is  
 smeared and the year looks like 1832, which must be incorrect  
 as the children's births started a ~~year~~ year after 1838).

William Sharp's children:

1. Martin B. (Bernards) Sharp born June 14, 1839
2. Jacob Henry (Henry) Sharp born Aug 17, 1840
3. Silas Sharp born March 2, 1842
4. William Luther Sharp born Dec 17, 1843  
 (The family knew him as Luther in his youth--perhaps to  
 distinguish between him and his father, William.  
 So he was the 4th William Sharp in line.) William IV.
5. Hugh Calvin Sharp born ~~XXXXX~~ 7-10-1846
6. Mary Eleanor Sharp born Feb 11, 1849  
 (She died with diptheria during the Civil War--or before the  
 war. Family tradition is she was about 12 years old. She was  
 burried to the left of the road on the rise just below the  
 Sharp's Slatyfork store)
7. Harmon B. Sharp born 10-2-1850  
 (He moved to near Elkins, died there and burried near there.)  
 (Died with cancer --of throat (?) )

Luther Sharp above: Family tradition has been that Luther was about  
 age 16 when he was shot. Date of birth and the dates of the first  
 year or two of the Civil War indicate that he may have been perhaps  
 about age 17.

see page 179 →

Dave Sharp  
 (7-14-82)

PAGES COPIED FROM SMALL TABLE GIVEN TO RACHEL DILLEY BY HER FATHER, MARTIN DILLEY, ON HER WEDDING DAY.

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August 1840

1841

John's ship was  
born the 2 day  
of March 1842  
was there the 14  
of August 1843

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Rachel Dilley  
was born October  
the 14 1815

1st Pacific Fly Leaf

Wm Sharp &  
Rachel was  
married the  
20 of Sept  
1839

Martin B. Sharp  
was born the  
14 of June 1839

Isaac Henry  
was born the  
17 of August  
1840

Remember that this is  
the company to guide  
your little paper  
to the port of eternal  
life.

2nd

Silas was  
born the 2 of  
March 1842  
Wm Luther  
was born the  
14 of December  
1843

3rd

Mary Eleanor  
was born the  
11 of February  
1849  
Hannan Bolton  
was born the  
2 of October  
1850.

1846

Isaac Calvin  
was born the  
10 of July  
1846

From Bible of William C. Morgan

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FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Samuel G. Morgan was  
born July 8<sup>th</sup> 1847.

Edith H. Morgan was  
born Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Laura J. Morgan was  
born March 31<sup>st</sup> 1874.

William G. Morgan was  
born March 15<sup>th</sup> 1876.

Sarah V. Morgan was  
born Feb 15 1878.

Edgar R. Morgan was  
born April 18<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Lena Florence Morgan  
was born Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1896



# BIRTHS.

Miriam Edith Morgan  
was born August 13th 1898

Georgia Virginia Morgan  
was born Sept 2 1900

Laura Rachel Morgan  
was born Feb 14th 1903

Samuel Aaron Morgan  
was born April 23 1905

James Francis Morgan  
was born Jan 12 1908

Jan. 12, 1908

# FAMILY RECORD.

## MARRIAGES.

Samuel G. Morgan  
and Edith H. Ramsey  
was married Feb. 20 1897

Laura G. Morgan + Luther L. Clark  
was married February 16th 1893

William C. Morgan and

James F. Hill

was married Nov. 12 1892

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REEL #1 June 1, 1949 Tapes of L.D. Sharp  
Old Mill, Civil War storeies, etc. (If done over on Ampex, may be clearer)

Dad: .... Sheep dip killed 5 sheep. Dave, I'll give you a jar of syrup to take back with you--and a sugar cake. ... Im sending 6 to Pauls. Thayer ~~he~~ gave to sweetheart and Barbara treated her teacher. ... 152 quarts of syrup....

.... they'd go through and rob neighbors. (Civil war through Slatyfork) ... they starved them to death. My father was in prison 23 months and 24 days. They starved them to death and hauled them out of the prison by the wagon loads. Going to Fla I stopped in Salisbury, N. C. and there was an old grey headed man. I told him my father was a prisoner there. He said "they all died, either starved or poisoned. Father said the meat was covered with worms. They made brothe. He shut his eyes and swallowed it.. The dead were buried in trenches. A dog followed a captain through the prison. The men threw a blanket over it and killed it and ate, some ate rats. The grandfather (William) skinned a cat. Father couldn't eat the cat. My grandfather (William) got him exchanged for rebels. He had exchange papers and started home. At a small gathering of southerners, they said: "where are you going?" He said "none of your business." They said: "If we gain the war we won't let you live with us." Si said: "I'll give you to understand I won't live with you." They started after him and he ran. He was too weak to run. They didn't follow him further. He walked all the way home to Slatyfork. If old man Bill Hannah had done one thing. Two men left over them in charge of the two. They got off their horses to a call of nature. "My father reached over and took one of the man's guns and pointed to Bill Hannah to take the other man's gun. He couldn't get him to take the gun. They never thought of killing those fellows (rebels) but we could have killed them and had nothing to worry about--he said. They could have gotten away. (Dad told us one time, as I recall, that Bill had a very small wrist and could get the hand cuff off his wrist that held the two together. Bill showed Silas once that he could take it off. And that Silas wanted Bill to take the hand cuff off so they could grab the guns to threaten so they could get away. Dad may have been mistaken ~~at~~ for a moment about them putting their hands on the guns---???? -Dave) Jake Simmons killed Luther. The Confederate army went through past the house. Jake was behind and shot Luther going up the hill. That's the same time they captured my father. My grandmother said "look there's a regiment of soldiers and he ran down and jumped over a fence and sat down in a goose nest covered with boards. About a 100 of them shot at ~~the~~ John Gibson (Uncle Sam's father) and this fellow who had a muzzle loading gun shot at John. and he set his gun down almost between my father's legs, to load it. He waited, till he poured the powder in and went to get the bullet in and he said he knocked the man and gun over and jumped back over the fence and ran back into the same old Jake Simmons that killed his brother, Luther age 16. Jake put a gun on him. He looked for a rock to throw at Jake but couldn't find one. The men emptied their guns at John Gibson. Two threw their guns down and ran to the top of graveyard hill and was about to catch John, ~~he~~ a powerful man--Sam Gibson's father. He had a pepper box pistol that I reckon wouldn't kill you. and they ran back down the hill and he got away, ha, ha. He pulled the pistol out and said "dangester, I'll kill you". There was ~~twice~~ twice he (John) almost got captured. He went home and later on, a bunch of rebel soldiers went in there to John Gibson's place and his wife said to him "look out there the rebel soldiers are coming down here to the house" He broke to run and ran over the hill and the soldiers fired at him and missed again and one rebel laid his gun across a post and got a rest and would have killed him but his wife took a boot-jack and knocked him crazy, and he got away. Later on during the war ~~he~~ he took pneumonia and died. With all the getting by in the war, ~~he~~ pneumonia got him after all.



(Story about the two soldiers killed in ambush up on the old road:)

Dad: They brought the soldier (that was still living) in and he died at the house (the same log house still standing) There are two of them buried up at the top of the hill at the school house. Just dug a hole. They were riding along the road and the rebels (I think Dad's memory got it mixed--they were Yankees that shot them) waylaid them and shot two off horses. They were one or two that got away. Maybe one of them was Walt Allen. (Walt Allen was a Yankee from over about Randolph county, I think--Dave) Uncle Hugh (a young man) thought so much about one of the men that was shot and lived a while. If they had had doctors like today, he may have ~~been~~ been saved. (Another account of this story is elsewhere in this history of the Sharps--Hugh and his father William was cutting wood and heard the shots and a southerner on a horse running told them to go look after the men shot. They took a sled up and got them. They put the dead one in the corner and took the other in by the fire.)

I don't know where the graves were, but one time I was plowing there in the school house lot and a horse's foot fell down through the grave. I hated it awful bad.

Dad: Henry Sharp, an uncle, joined the rebel army, or be taken prisoner. So he joined the rebel army. One joined the yankees and one the rebels.

Dave: Was the Henry Sharp meadow named after him? Dad: No, that was another Henry Sharp. Henry (uncle) was killed. A picket shot him (at Bob Gison place) They were suspicious that he was a yankee, it was thought. But he was in the rebel army and was on picket duty and a fellow shot him and let on like they shot him by mistake. The other one was in the Yankee army and was killed. I lost three uncles and the only girl 12 years old <sup>many</sup> of diptheria and she is buried down there on the left side of the road <sup>elbow</sup> --about top of the hill. Uncle Hugh knew where it was. I said there ought to be a monument. He said: "it's been so long ago it isn't necessary" It's there inside the fence near the road (near the sheep barn.) That's what the war cost my family. The war spread diptheria. One of her boys, Henry Sharp when he was killed had an apple in his pocket and she planted the 7 seeds of the apple (grandmother Sharp) out here (near the beehouse) and only three of the 7 threw. She gave Uncle Harmon Sharp one and it was planted down there at the McCitchin Place and gave Silas one and it was right below the old house over there (old home place) and Uncle Hughs was out here in this garden, and they all had the same kind of fall apple. --a good cooking apple. But she thought that represented that when the war was over she'd only have 3 children left. Four of them died. We cut the one down over the hill because it was where we wanted to build the warerrom, I think. It was 40 years old, I reckon. The one here an Uncle Hugh's was near the warerrom.

Tramp Dad: I saw that tramp going by today at the schoolhouse. He was swinging his arm as hard as he could swing it, and the other arm was like a dead arm. I hadn't seen him for 10 years. --a little short fellow. (Dave: We'd seen him go by about every year for years--walking fast.)

Uncle Hugh's story about a greased Indian:

Dad: a Joe Lager or something like that wanted to go back in the woods to where he'd hear no sound of a gun but his own, and ran on to these two Indians. I can't tell the story as it was. The Indians gave a squall and made for him and he may have shot and missed and they were on him and he threw one on the ground and was getting his knife out to kill the Indian and the other Indian got his knife out of a scabbard. He had to kill him to save himself and the other Indian almost got advantage of him by getting his knife out of the scabbard. I forgot the details but I think the other Indian got away. It was one of the most stirring stories you about ever heard to hear Uncle Hugh tell it.

Uncle Hugh's pet deer: Dad: Uncle Hugh had a pet deer. Aunt Ella and I. It'd fight or run us everytime we came here to visit. We were going home across the hill and looked coming off the hill coming as hard as it could right after us, like a dog running a deer. <sup>Peel</sup> <sup>Deer?</sup>



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could right after us, like a dog running a deer. We ran to the woods and got up on a leaning tree up higher than the deer could reach. A deer strikes with both front feet just like a man and cut you all to pieces with it's toes. We had hollered for Martha Hannah who lived here then and she ran up there and got the deer by the bell collar and held her till we got over home (Dave: seems Dad said her name was Nell?) That doe knocked Nora Sharp down. Uncle Harmon's girl and would have beat her to death if didn't.....(not clear) (Dave: I think Nora married George L. Hannah--and she is burried in the Sharp cemetery) Si talking about fishing..... up slatyfork creek.  
Dave: Dad, isn't that where you built a dam and ran water around the hole?  
Dad: yes, we got 53 fish out of it. Water was getting low, cavity in a rock holding about a barrel of two wof water, and ran a small stream-- 1 inch pipe si e. I stood there and studied it a good little while how to get those fish. A big lynn tree standng on the bank. I decided to go home and get my father to come and help pipe the water over the hole. We cut that tree down and stripped the bark off and the bark piped the water over past the hole of water, a sdistance of about 20 feet and we dipped the water out and got 53 fish to eat. No restrictions on fishing then.

#### Deer hunting --- Deer salt licks

Dad: Farmers killed deer at suck licks. Natural sulphur run out on certain places. Deer tear up the earth to get it. Then farmers made salt licks. Drive a stake in the ground and poor the hole full of salt. They couldn't get it all without digging down for it. It was either mornings or evenings that they came tan to suck the licks. Dave: did you kill any at a salt lick? Dad: Yes, I did, on Gauley. One time over there a wild cat was at the lick. I sighted at it so long I was sighting on just the front sight. I was about to leave that day. The Englishman.... ...I thought I just sit there (Dave: He told the store another time:--he shot at the wildcat and it didn't know where Dad was and jumped into the treetop where dad was and scarmed Dad almost to death--just a boy). ....Saw the deer coming. ... I just broke it's back. I came a knat's heel of missing that deer. Lots of deer then. About like killing ground hogs now.

Bill Curtain War in Italy (not clear at all)... One thing, the let the Americans go in there, you see, read about the lost patalion. Carl Barnes was commander of that unit. Those rangers..... Crossed the highway and got in the heart of Rome.

Dave: The old Mill house needs a piece of roofing on it.  
Dad: Well, Ive been trying to sell it. It's going to fall down. I offered to sell for \$50 . When I sold it, the man came with a truck to get it and those old Kelley's (they lived in the mill house across the creek) took the box that goes around ~~xxx~~ to hold the meal in. It'd cost \$25 to make it and they took it and burned it. They once rolled it out in the yard and Henry Shaver and I liked to not get it back in. They took it and burned it for firewood. I went there to sell it and there wasn't a thing in the world to hold the meal in so he wouldn't take it. ... Brice Griffin ground meal for a half a day. Took half a day to grind a grist. Sam Jackson said he could eat it as fast as it comes out of the mill. Someone asked how long he could do that. He answered: " I could do it till I starved to death" ; ha, ha.

Might be clearer if redone on the Ampex reel to reel tape machine.

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Voices of Dad, Otis Gibson, Si, Dave Ralph

Dad: something about the bee association (

Si: (to Ralph)(hunting) Did you go clear to teh Bob Gibson Place (all looking at an aerial view map) --are those skid roads?

Si: This is Slatyfork and he was supposed to go up this buck hollow that runs up to Joe Gibson Place. He was supposed to go up here and come around thru here, thru a bunch of pines yonder on the point. Well eh got up there and cut over and looked down to Sam Hannah's from Bob Gibson's meadow. Then you came back ~~from Bob Gibson's meadow~~ thru there, huh?

Ralph: yes. Dad: Right here's where I was scared about out of my boots. I thought he ~~was~~ had heart trouble. I couldn't holler him up and couldn't shoot him up and couldn't hear a word from him in the world. I worried and prayed and here he came up alive. Dave: You (dad) and Donald and I got lost up there coon hunting one night. Dad: Yes, we came down the roughest old hollow there ever was.--back of Page Hannahs' line. The roughest place you ever saw after night wasn't it. We didn't know where we were and lost part of the gun. Came down to Page's apple orchard. Si later made a part for the gun--forestock. And John Woosley lost it again. He went down there watching for stealing corn where shucking corn (lower meadow). ~~He~~ ~~man~~ was. When ~~he~~ started filling up a sack of corn, ye yelled to surrender and ran out and broke a rail at the fence and ran down over the bank and laid down., and Woosley lost part of the gun and he had to come back (home) because he was afraid ~~he~~ had something to shoot him with, ha. Woosley lost part of the 410 gun and couldn't shoot. Later on I told ~~her~~ about it. --caught ~~he~~ down there stealing corn. He smashed the fence flat. I said there was another fellow with him--old man ~~there~~....his hogs. They worked on the track together. She didn't say a word. She knew it was true. We'd seen where he'd taken out loads of it before.

Dave: Didn't your dad catch someone stealing hay? Dad: No, it was Uncle Henry Hannah caught Hannah stealing Hay (on barn on Buzzard mt.) (made him pitch the hay back in the barn--Henry slept there to catch him)

Dad: Grandfather Sharp caught a man fight out there in the corner. He set a fox trap through where they take corn out of the crib. He came to get corn and got caught. He went to the barn a cople times. He wouldn't holler at Grandfather. Finally he hollered: "Mr. Sharp, come out here. I tell you if you'll let me out of here, I'll never steal another thing as long as I live. Grand father promised him he wouldn't tell on him.

Dave: did he know who it was? Dad, oh yes, one of his neighbors, but he oulsn't tell us who it was. He promised he wouldn't tell. He let him out of the trap. I bet he had sore fingers, ha. Grand father was a man of his word. Dave: Do you remember him? Oh, yes, I was nearly grown when both of my granfathers died. Grandfather Hannah and grandfather Sharp and my grandmothers. Did you see yours? Dave: only grandmother Irvin.

Dad: Not preacher Morgan? Dave: no. Dad: Boy's I'd give \$5 to (have you hear him preach?) He was one great preacher. He was the best preacher that ever preached on this charge and they sent him back here by the Dist. Supt. to the quarterly meeting one time when he was on the Lobelia circuit to preach and I never did forget his text. It was at Mary's Chapel. His text was the "Great Store House of God" He said the time would come as the human race needed the wealth, there was untold wealth in these hills and in the lands, and as the generations of the earth needed it it'd be unfolded (End of 1st side of cassette)

Ralph and Dad talking: deer hunting. Si: In Montana, a man killed a mule and brought it in to the checking station !! ha, ha. Dave: what did your father have to tell time? Dad: He had an 8-day clock. I don't know who got it. Maybe Ella or Malinda got it. It struck on every hour of the day. I think I took another clock over to repair at Wooddells and it was never fixed. He died and they closed th store. It may have been sold. Either the original reel tape is not clear, or perhaps it would be clearer on ~~max~~ the last Ampex player--to transfer to cassettes.



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Starts with Dad and Ivan singing songs. I've got the tuning fork there. Dad: we can't all sing with one book. I've got the tuning fork. "Do, me, do" I'm trying to get the sound. I've got the tuning fork. Ivan: Wait, I've got something on my glasses. I can't see anything. Ivan: I don't what part are you going to sing? Dad: I'll sing tenor. Ivan: I don't know if I can sing soprano, or not. Dad: well, do you want me to sing soprano? Ivan: I usually sing base. Dad: here, somebody clean my glasses. Si: (talking about the tape recorder) said: everyone brags about their singing. Now they'll know if they are telling the truth, ha.ha. Ivan: (wire recorder?) wire plays 15 minutes. (Ivan had a wire recorder) Dave: let's have some powerful singing. Dad and Ivan: me, so, do, me, do, me. (no pianot) "There's a glory in my sould, Then Jesus gets control. He lives with in my heart. Oh happy song ..... Si (joking) .... tape for identification. Have you used Mother Hubbard's little leg goos, ha. (pretending an ad after the song) Dave: You just heard LD, Ivan and Ralph Sharp. (Then with piano): several singing a song....."redeemed..... Dad: the title of this song is "Beautiful home Somewhere". Looking at Pictures: Dave: look at the bees. Dad: those are Ivan's. Sylvia: Dave hived those bees. Dave: Let's laugh a little bit, Ada. (Ada and Genevieve laughing.) Dave: Ada, who's that in the middle? Do you know? Ada: ha, ha, yes. (About Ivan--discussion): Dave: ... Mary Roberts? Si; no, it was Genevieve at Greenbank. Si: Ivan And I ..... we got up there to that old ... He (Ivan) said if you'll get out close to the gate, well..... see THEM GIRLS. If you don't we won't, ha, ha. I wouldn't get out to open the gate and he turned around and came back home, ha, ha. Evan: dann you! Genevieve: Evan I beg your pardon.... your saying. Dave: say nice words, Evan, ha (all laughed) Dave: I never saw that broken leg (Evan's) Genevieve: I had to keep him in bed for 3 weeks. He couldn't even turn over. At 3 o'clock in the morning he'd get awake and I'd have to read him a story. Dave: Ada, I understand you used to speak over a radio WPBI in Baltimore. Tell us what it was about. Was it for a beer co.? Ada: No, no. ha, ha. Ada: I was on for 15 minutes. It was dramatic sketches. different things each week and on for 8 weeks. Some interesting things did happen. The announcer said "I don't think I can go on the .... air. I didn't know what to do. There was no one else to take over. So I was trying to go on with the program and think up what to say in case he did colapse there, ha. But he went on through with it. Dave: You may have been an announcer if he'd colapsed. Did you have an audience? Ada: just a small one. In those days they sat in another room at that time.--the control room. Dave: what were the stories about: Ada: or, different things, Let me see. One I gave about Pappa and the boy. I don't know if I'll remember it. Perhaps Evan would like that. Ada: "But it's not so agreeable about 2 o'clock in the morning when you're dead for sleep and you wouldn't give anything to hear pres. Truman speak. Well, this little boy woke up about 2 and said "Hey, Daddy. What? Did. ....What do you want? Nothing. Then go to sleep. I ain't sleep Daddy. Well, I am young man. I'm not abit. Daddy if you was rich what would you buy me? I do t know. go to sleep. Wouldn't you buy me nothing? I suppose so. Then what would you buy me? Maybe a steam engine. would the wheels go round and round? Yes, yes, go to sleep. Daddy, if I was rich I'd buy sou something. Would you? I'd buy you some choc. drops and ice cream. No one wants to hear it this time in the morning. Go to sleep. Daddy, daddy, Well? what do you want now? Let me think-- I want a drink of water. No you don't. Yes I do, daddy. (thinking.. there'll be no peace until the boy gets a drink you get water) I do 't want to hear another word from you tonight, young man. I can spell" dog, daddy. No one wants to hear you spell it now. Yes, please.

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C-A-T--dog. Is that right daddy. No it isn't, but nobody cares. Then it's D-O-G ? Yes, yes, now go to sleep. Then I'll be a good little boy, won't I? Yes, you'll be the best boy on earth. Good nite, daddy. Good night. -----Daddy, daddy -----don't you wish you had 2, 3 5 or 300 little boys?

Ada: I haven't done that one for years and years. (relatives laugh).  
Si: I'm going to bed. You'd better too. ....

Si: (pretending to be a political candidate) "on this auspicious occasion, it is very gratifying to see your ignorant faces. (Si changing his voice, ha) I'll give you a dollar a vote for your vote" Dad: that's what they were trying to do. Dave: what are your planning to do this week: Ivan: well, I plan on making a little hay, taking off some honey, kill a few ground squirrels, whistle pigs and kill a little time. And visit a little with my relatives and friends, and then figuring on going back to work. Save a little of my vacation for deer season. I do like to hunt deer. I haven't had very much success as far as bringing in some game. A lot of exercise and enjoyment--just running through the woods totting a gun. Dave: what you doing there, Dad? Bleeping?

Dad: finishing up a good nap. I didn't go to sleep last night till half past 1 o'clock, waiting for you to come in and you didn't get in. But made up for it this evening. Dave: Did you know we were coming in yesterday or today? Dad: I heard you were coming in to Ivan's last night. Said you phoned through and said where the key was at (to get in the house at Nitro.)..... I'd a ..... Dave: I told him to leave it under a cup on the back porch and he didn't like that idea much. Ivan: we were on a party line and I didn't want all the neighbors know where I was hiding the key. So I told him I'd leave it with his old girl friend across the street, Hattie Howell. (She went to Wesleyan same time as Dave) Dad: did you find anything to eat? Dave: they just about ate it about all up. wasn't much left there. (kidding) We went to the cellar and opened up peaches and pears and plums and apples (kidding) and we really had a feast. This is Aug. 21, 1949. ....(all eating at table). ..... Ada: did you have a lot of raspberries this year? Dad: a few. Had 40 gallons one year.....  
(End of first side of cassette)

(Eating at table. all talking, not clear .....)  
Genevieve: One of our cousins up home (Arborvale) Ed Arbogast's boy, came along in a car and we were out there making hay. Stella said "Ed you don't have any children yet?" He said "Well, we're still trying" ha, Ada: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Dad: Is that thing recording everything we say? Dad: do you want any berries? If you do go in there and help yourself. I'm going to shave. I've got to go to that funeral..... Dave: did you see Melinda out there a while ago? Ada: yes, yesterday, not today. Dave: she can't hear well... (flame swallower) Dad: ..... gas in his mouth. Did you see that Ralph? He set that on fire and it went down his throat, then as it came out..... Si: ~~alcohol~~ alcohol flame.....and when they stick that in their mouth they generally let out a mouth of air to keep the heat going away, you see. Dad: As it came out his throat he lit a cigarette. (Dave started to put a lighted match in his mouth) Dad: Oh, don't do that. Dave: I saw Bill Viering (at Wesleyan) chew up a razor blade and supposedly swallow it, but probably put in a side cheek. Si: ..... he looked like he was drunk, this fellow. He was asked if he'd give him a push to get the car started. He said, yes he'd push him. She backed off about 20 feet and came a sailing and smashed into the back of that thing and smashed the bumpers right off and flattened the fenders, and nearly broke that fellows neck. ha, ha, ha.

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Si: (talking about a boy who lit seat of his pants and a gas flame shot out and breaches on fire--use wool pants instead of cotton. Ha, ha.

Si: talking about danger, that's dangerous!

Si: I wonder who reported the deer lick, salt lick back of the water fountain? (The game warden said there was one reported there. He was up there at 2 o'clock watching for them. Dad: Now if one comes there, they'll kill it. Si found the head of one where they dressed one up and left the head down in the hollow. A nice buck.

Will Curtain: Wasn't it old man Sam Gibson.... he could tell you right smart about deer. He was sick in bed and we went up there one time.

Ivan: (or Si?): Yes, I used to like to go up there and listen to the bear stories. He'd sit there and smoke his pipe and tell the stories.

Indian Fight: (maybe later get a better or clearer version from the original reel tape instead of this cassette.) Dad: The Indian, had his hide so greased he couldn't hold him. Uncle Hugh would tell that....

Si, how was it? ..... He shot at the Indian and he had a muzzle loader and before he could get another shot, the Indian, --there were two of them ... (one?) Indian going away. and he said he got him down and

his hide was so slick with grease he couldn't hold him and he said he (Indian?) was reaching down to get a knife out of his scabbard, the Indian was.... I can't tell you all the story but he finally killed the

Indian. The one he shot first was..... he noticed him just as he got through with the other one, he propped himself up and he was ready to shoot him (white man).. (/) Uncle Hugh used to tell that. It was

interesting to hear him. It'd take him about 1/2 hour to tell that story about Joe Logst (or Louset?)

Dave: wasn't it Uncle Hugh as a boy that was chased into a log by a bear? Dad: That was Uncle Harmon. a long time ago, no, it was Uncle Hugh,

by the way. Uncle Harmon told him a doe on the mountain had some young fawns in a brush thicket. That he heard them in there. He told Uncle

Hugh to go up there and he could catch them. He'd been told that if you go in screaming and yelling and squalling that a fawn will lay right

down and you can run right in and pick them up. And he dreamed he had a cane, a complete cane, with a knot on the end turned you know. The

night before he dreamed something about being in a fight with a bear. So he went up the hill here. He saw a cane, and cut it, just carried

out just like in his dream. So he went up to where Uncle Harmon said he saw that doe that had the fawns in there. He got up there in brush

, you know and he went jumping over top the brush and hollering and when he got in there, there was an old she bear that reared right up in his

face, that had cubs in there. He went backwards and got out and started running. He ran down on the sugar flat, where there was ~~at~~ a big hollow

log there and he ran in that log. Well that would be the place the bear would want him wouldn't it! ha, ha. I... would a climbed a tree.

He was scared to death and didn't know what he was doing! .... Uncle Harmon told Uncle Hugh that he heard the doe in the thick brush. Si, ~~in~~ you've heard him (Hugh) tell about it. Si: yes, he told me "I saw

if there was any running to do.....that Harmon, he knew that was a bear in there, ha, ha. .... End of tape.

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Stories: Otha, deer hunting, school house, bear,

Dad: Bowd (Boude) Hannah went out one evening to hunt the cows and he had his dog with him and he went back upon the mt. on Gauley. The dog came up on an old she bear and cubs. (Dave: was it before you were born? Dad: No. I was going to school, a chunk of a boy. The dog took for the year and the bear took after the dog to run it from the cubs. When he saw the bear and dog coming he climbed up a pine tree. The dog ran an to the tree for protection and the bear came to the tree and saw him up there. The bear went right up the tree after him and the dog ran away. It was a small pine tree. He shook the tree, it was tall and slim. He shook and hollered and they heard him all over Elk. Old man Billie Hannah, a mile away, heard him hollering. He said he knew Bowd was in distress. He got his gun and hit for there as soon as he could. That bear, gave some knaws and drove his teeth into the tree. They said he was scared nearly to death. And Billie Hannah got within about 100 yards, I expect before that old she bear left that tree. The dog ran off. The bear went after her cubs. He shook her off the tree. A bear can climb a large tree, but it's hard to climb a small one. SI: was he the fellow that ran into a wild cat? Dad: yes, he was going before daylingt one morning up on the mountain after cows. He had his dog, maybe the same dog, with him, The dog was in front of him and this wild cat went up on a tree to jump on him and the dog happened to be in front of him and he jumped right off the tree on the dog. He said he had a cane with him It was a big dog and into it they went. He and the dog killed the wildcat. He said if he hadn't had the dog it would have killed him. Dave: Didn't you catch a wildcat in a trap? Dad: yes, up at the forks of Slatyfork creek, near Buck hollow. I saw a wildcat in my trap. The biggest one I ever caught or bought. I threw him across my shoulder and his front feet almost touched the ground. I'd gone up close to him and got a cane (stick) about as large as my arm. It was a dry stick. I got up to kill him the first lick. I was going to hit him with all my might and I hauled away with all that I had and he growled at me. When I gave him the lick, the stick broke off right above my hand and the stick went the other way. The stick was rotten inside. Boy's I went and got me a stick that I knew wouldn't break. I tried it. I went up again. He laid on the ground and growled gr-r-r-r. Everytime I hit him --about four times before I killed him. That wildcat had jumped in every direction trying to get out. The stake had gone down about 12 inches to the flat limestone rock. If he had jumped upward, there wasn't a thing in the world to hold him. The hole was 3 inches across the top. But he had jumped and worked the hole big in the swamp. If he had jumped at me that stake would have come out. Ivan, it was in a muck near that swamp just below where you cross that swamp there at that appletree. ~~XXXX~~ I'd set the trap for coons.

~~XXXX~~ Will Curtin: one time when we were up there hunting something came down that middle mt. like a streak of lightening. It wasn't any sheep nor deer. Dad: Over on Gauley, a boy there if clothes would have come off, they'd have come off. I was over there watching a deer lick and a deer dug a hole in the ground I expect 2 feet deep, where we had salt. I got down in an old pine tree top. I secured myself down in there hiding myself from the deer. It was hard to get in there and just as hard to get out. I looked across where the salt was, there was a big wildcat. --right at the deer lick. I don't know how it got there--it must have slipped around the other side. Those big ones they call catamounts. I sighted with my gun. An Englishman (there was an English settlement at Linwood to Mingo) was there with me and we wanted a deer so bad. He was watching another deer lick. I sighted and studied if I should shoot it. If I shot it I wouldn't get a deer. Finally I decided it was pretty close to time to leave there and I'll just kill it.

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